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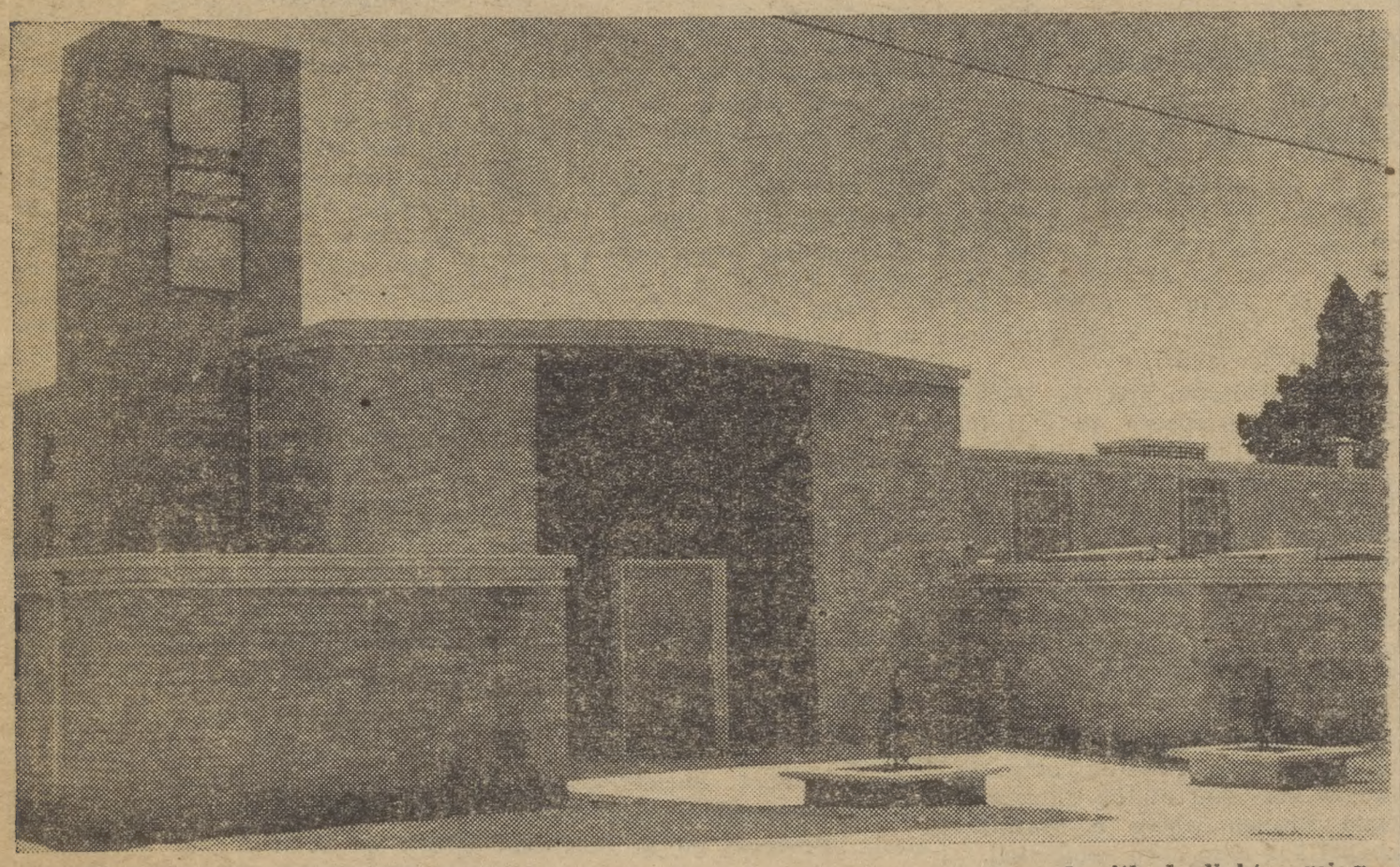
Claremont Ward's Commodious New Chapel



ARCHITECT DEAN PRICE HAS, IN THE CLAREMONT CHAPEL, shown above, made impressive use of sheer brick, wood and glass surfaces inside and outside of this handsome structure. The lobby is flooded with daylight coming through the floor-to-ceiling glass as seen above in the entrance panel.

Claremont Chapel Dedicated Exactly 17 Years After The Day Ward Was Organized, August 28, 1938

Claremont Ward's handsome, functional chapel was dedicated August 28, 1955, exactly seventeen years from the day on which the ward was organized August 28, 1938.

Charles C. Carr became the ward's first bishop with Reed Chase and A. Selden Millward, counselors, and Richard W. Owens, ward clerk. Meetings were held in Wilkins Hall.

Other first heads of ward organizations were: Lenore C. Wood, Relief Society; Heber J. Brown, YMMIA; Ardell Kay, YWMIA; Esther Russel, Primary, and James Kay, Sunday school.

Succeeding ward bishops have been Reed Chase (Dec. 1938-1942); Don C. Wood (1942-1947), and A. Selden Millward (1947 to present). Bishop Millward had served as counselor to every bishop of the ward before he became bishop in 1947.

Prior to holding services in the then incompleted new chapel (Oct. 1953), the ward held services in Wilkins Hall, Ashby Studios, Vassa Temple, and the Woolsey St. chapel.

A site for the chapel on Stuart Street between Telegraph Avenue and Ellsworth Street was purchased in 1945, but on account of war-time material priorities, construction could not be started at that time. Six years later, August

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Two New Institutes Four New Seminaries In North California

William E. Berrett, administrator for all religious education in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, spent three days, August 11, 12, 13, with the Berkeley LDS Institute director, Robert E. Lee Kenner.

Three new seminaries will be organized in San Francisco Stake (the first over there) this fall, meeting in Mission chapel and the stake house.

Concord will have two seminary sessions in place of the one of last year to accomodate an increased enrollment from 39 to over 100.

San Jose Stake will have a brand new LDS Institute beginning in September, meeting across from

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San Mateo Ward Softball Team

SAN MATEO WARD SOFTBALL TEAM, champions of Palo Alto Stake and Division 12. Shown above left to right, front row: Dee Thompson, Howard Hill, Tom Jensen, Leroy Ottley, Bill Hanley. Second row: Gene Hansen, George Kershaw, Henry Hales, Walt Gomez, Bill Haycock. Third row: Earl Terry, John Allred, Jerry Gamblin, Julian Griffin, and Verl Thornock, coach. This team played in the church finals in Salt Lake City later in August, 1955.

Stakes' Cannery Achievements Astonish Organizations of the World; Bay Area Stake Canneries Equal to Best

CLAUDE W. NALDER
. . . Mission President dies

Claude Nalder Mission Head Dies in Virginia

President Claude W. Nalder of the Central Atlantic States Mission and for some 23 years bishop of San Francisco Ward died Thursday afternoon, Aug. 18 in Roanoke, Virginia. The funeral was held in Salt Lake City Wednesday, Aug. 24.

President Nalder had been hospitalized a week in a Roanoke, Va., hospital for treatment of uremic poisoning.

He was appointed president of the mission in December 1951, succeeding President J. Robert Price of Phoenix, Ariz., first president of the mission.

He was born at Layton, Utah, Jan. 6, 1900, a son of Francis W. Nalder and Eliza Watt. In 1918 he graduated from Davis High School and later attended the Utah State Agricultural College.

THE MESSENGER will carry in its next issue (October) a proper eulogy to our beloved Brother Nalder. Pres. Lauper and others who have records we need are out of town as we go to press. We will confer with them later. However, see page five of this issue for another story about Elder Nalder.

In the Syracuse Ward he acted as Young Men's Mutual Improcement Assn. superintendent and later was appointed a member of the Ogden Stake YMMIA Board.

From 1921-23 he filled a mission in the Southern States.

Shortly after moving to San Francisco, he was appointed superintendent of the San Francisco Sunday School and later became San Francisco Stake Sunday school superintendent, prior to being set apart as a bishop.

During World War II he was servicemen's coordinator for the Church in the San Francisco area. He also served as chairman of the Bishop's Council of the San Francisco Bay Welfare Region.

In 1935, he graduated from the University of San Francisco with LL.B. degree.

At the time of his mission appointment he was vice president of the Gantner-Felder - Kenny Mortuary.

He married Mabel Martin June 3, 1925.

He is survived by his widow; a son, Martin C., and two daughters, Beverly and Nadine.

DAN DRUMILER
LESLIE NOE
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. . . Canning Committeemen

The old saying, "We eat what we can, and can what we can't" is typified in Latter-day Saint canneries in almost every stake of the Church. They are an astonishment to the outside world.

The A-1 canneries in the Church welfare buildings in Palo Alto, San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley Stakes are good examples of what are in operation in over 200 stakes of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Canning fruits and vegetables for welfare or group and individual uses has become an astonishing achievement of the Church and has called forth many words of surprised commendation.

Nothing in any way equalling this activity is found elsewhere among the churches of the land. It is based on love of one another

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Oakland Stake

Bids to Be Called For Grading Site Inter-Stake Center

By Mildred Fontana

President Delbert F. Wright says that bids for grading for the temple and the Oakland-Berkeley Inter-Stake Center will be called for sometime in September. The plans for the Inter-Stake Center and also for the ward-unit have been completed by architect Harold W. Burton.

The San Lorenzo Ward's chapel is up to the square, and the girders are being placed. The structure is being planned for two-ward use.

Castro Valley Ward already have the ground (four acres) and are in an intensive fund-raising program for a chapel.

Oakland Fourth Ward chapel is a beautiful building, most commodious and almost completed.

Centerville Ward has just pulled the trees from the grounds of their large site, and are ready to start construction of a chapel as soon as they receive the go-ahead signs.

Quarterly Conference

Oakland Stake Conference, Septem 3 and 4, will feature missionary work beginning with a missionary meeting in its first session at 6:30 Saturday evening, followed by a stake priesthood session at 8 p.m.

The Sunday morning and the afternoon sessions will be held in the great Scottish Rite temple on the shores of Lake Merritt. There is room for all, so please bring all your good friends.

Rollin Jensen, our prominent concert pianist, has completed his two year stitch with Uncle Sam in Korea, and is again resuming concert work.

Oakland Stake.

Oakland Third Ward Wins Trophy Cup

The Oakland 3rd Ward Aaronic priesthood group won the contest for the quarter, April, May and June 1955. The Oakland Third Ward boys and their leaders will be presented with the Trophy at the Oakland Stake quarterly conference to be held Sunday September 4th.

The runner-up for the second quarter of this year is the Oakland 5th Ward. The Oakland Stake Committee for Aaronic Priesthood under 21, congratulate the boys and leaders of the Oakland 3rd Ward for their fine work.

Two New Institutes Four New Seminaries

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the San Jose State College in the large basement of the elegant new San Jose Ward chapel. Dr. Howard Barron, formerly at the BYU, will be the first director.

Sacramento Stake will also initiate this fall an LDS Institute in Sacramento to serve the Sacramento Stake College and Sacramento Junior College. J. Wesley Christensen, former principal of the Logan LDS seminary, will become the institute's first director.

The two new institute directors will also supervise seminaries in their areas; Dr. Barron in San Jose and Palo Alto Stakes, Elder Christensen in Sacramento and Gridley Stakes. This will greatly simplify Director Kenner's duties which heretofore extended over all these stakes.

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Hayward Ward

Apron and Overall Dance, September 9

By Cathy Gordin

Our ward MIA is sponsoring an "Apron and Overall" dance September 9 in our recreation hall. Girls will wear gingham and the fellows will wear jeans. Named "Autumn Roundup", the dance will include a floor show and our Frank Rowes from Castro Valley Ward will furnish recorded music. No admission charge.

Young ladies and young men from our ward who will either be going away to school for the first semester, or taking up where they left off last semester are: Gerry Goettling, Noreen McClellan, Claudia Lambkin, Claude Lambkin and John Monte.

Editor's Note: Sister Gordin reports a recent visit to the Logan Temple.

"My husband and I were doubly blessed recently. In July we had the wonderful experience of going to the Logan temple and receiving our endowments and having the sealing ordinances performed for the five of us.

"The second blessing we received was meeting my half-sister. We had lost track of her when she was a baby. Through genealogical research, I located her last February. She is very interested in the Gospel and wants to learn more of it).

Oakland Second

No Brummetts Here As H. Burton and Robert Leave Ward

By Joanne P. White

A fond adieu was bid H. Burton Brummett last month as he left for his full time mission in the Central States Mission. This is the fulfillment of a lifelong dream for Elder Brummett.

This, along with the departure of the H. Robert Brummett family for Angel's Camp, presents an unusual situation in the ward. For the first time in 30 years there will be no Brummetts in our ward.

The Sunday School superintendency has been revised during the past month with two newcomers as colunselors: Ross Wilson has chosen as his new counselors Bryce D. White, formerly of Roosevelt, Utah and Ross Esplin, recently from Provo, Utah.

Apricots and applesauce have been put up by ward families participating in the group canning project. Very good fruit and a good time have been enjoyed by all.

Oakland Stake Conference

September 3 and 4, 1955

THEME: Missionary Work
Missionary meeting, 6:30 p. m. Saturday
Stake Priesthood 8:00 p. m. Saturday
Sunday in Scottish Rite Temple 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.

Oakland Stake

Many Local Saints Go Hither and Yon On Happy Vacations

By Mildred Fontano

Manwaring Noble of the Castro Valley Ward bishopric has just returned from an Arizona vacation. Likewise Della Swenson and daughter Merlene have returned from Mexico and Utah.

Rose Eddington and the Parley Fishes entertained the Rufus Phelps and the Herbert Van Noys at their cottage on the San Joaquin River. Gifford and Verna Jackson and Pres. and Mrs. Wright visited the Walter Halls at Lake Tahoe in August . . . Pres. Elmo Smith and Mrs. Smith motored to Southern California via a trailer, returning by way of Lake Tahoe.

Bro. and Sis. R. T. Hatfield, former Oakland residents, vacationed recently in the Bay area. He is now president of the Cleveland, Ohio Branch where a beautiful chapel has now been completed.

Pat Wright, son of Pres. Delbert Wright and Mrs. Wright, brought his family on a visit to his parents in August. Pat is manager of the Brentwood Egg Company of Pipestone, Minnesota. He also is president of the church branch there.

Bishop and Mrs. Herbert Van Noy attended a family reunion in Wyoming of Sister Van Noy's family . . . The Louis and Thurza Boyle families of Oakland and San Lorenzo had as guests recently Claude Lundquist and family of Kanab, Utah, formerly of Oakland.

The Eugene Dagleys of Alameda had a very great surprise on their August vacation. Eugene found his mother in Oregon whom he had not seen for 52 years, since his father took him away when he was a babe.

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Castro Valley

Building Fund Visits Set for All Members

By Nellemae Tanner

During the coming month, all families in the ward will be visited by representatives of our building fund committee who will present many interesting points regarding our plans for the new chapel. When the brethren come to your door, make them welcome and listen to their message. The rewards will, by far, overshadow any sacrifice we may be called upon to make.

Circle Friday, Ovt. 7, on your calendar as the date for the building fund dinner. All who have signed their pledges and begun payment on same will be admitted free to a luscious chicken dinner with all the trimmings.

Ten young ladies from the MIA enjoyed a vacation at Bar 49 ranch in Napa county. Accompanying them were Violet Fontano, Jane Workman and Goldie Gordon, MIA leaders.

A roller skating party, followed by a watermelon bust, at the home of Sister Nell Smith, was attended by 26 young people from MIA.

The Sunday School faculty and partners held a steak barbecue at the Webb home. The 37 who attended are planning a swimming party.

Brother Joe Tanner and his deacons' quorum enjoyed an all-day outing recently at Roberts park.

Our Relief Society-sponsored "chain dessert" is progressing nicely. Proceeds go to the building fund. We hope for 100 percent participation in this appetizing fund-raising project..

Sincere wishes go to the Frank Roots, who, with their five children, received endowments and sealing ordinances in the Logan temple.

Touchingly sweet was the kiss planted on young daughter Sharon's cheek by second counselor Merwyn Noble after she was confirmed a member of the church on Fast Sunday. Three infants were blessed: Dennis Paul Orgill by his father; Eugene Randall Sundberg by his father; and Lorraine Michele Eelsing by her own handiwork.

Livermore.

Relief Society and Primary Reorganized

Branch President's message: I have just attended one of our Sacrament meetings and have partaken of the sacrament as my Father in heaven has asked me to do. I have also felt the true spirit of the meeting while listening to the two inspired missionaries that have left their testimonies with us. Also I have had the opportunity to see you, my brothers and sisters, and to renew our friendships. Have I lived up to God's commandments in this? Yes, I believe so, for God has said that we should meet together often and partake of the sacrament and listen to inspired words. May we always live his commandments, for our lives will be happy and full and his blessings will be given to us in abundance.—Bruce W. McLaughlin.

Our new Relief Society President, Willemyntje Sorensen (Willy), and her counselor, Vonna Butler are already preparing for the welfare bazaar. In response to last year's demands, stuffed monkeys are on the agenda. Secretary Eileen Ruff is keeping the records.

Joan Bybee's move to Walnut Creek forced the reorganization of our Primary with her release and that of first counselor Della McLaughlin. Lorraine Simons as president and Cora Graham as secretary are now greeting the Primary children at the church property at 893 College Ave.

Pres. McLaughlin wishes to express his appreciation for the fine work of Scott Bybee as second counselor in the branch presidency. Andrew Gardner has been chosen to take over Scott's responsibilities. Andy has already won a place in the hearts of those who have worked with him in the branch.

grandfather.

Our love and sympathy goes to sister Billie Hayes on the recent passing of her husband, Joseph Hayes, who died of a heart impairment.

MIA Maids honored Sister Frank Lewis, Aug. 26, with a baby shower at the home of Sister Webb. Most of the gifts were the girls'

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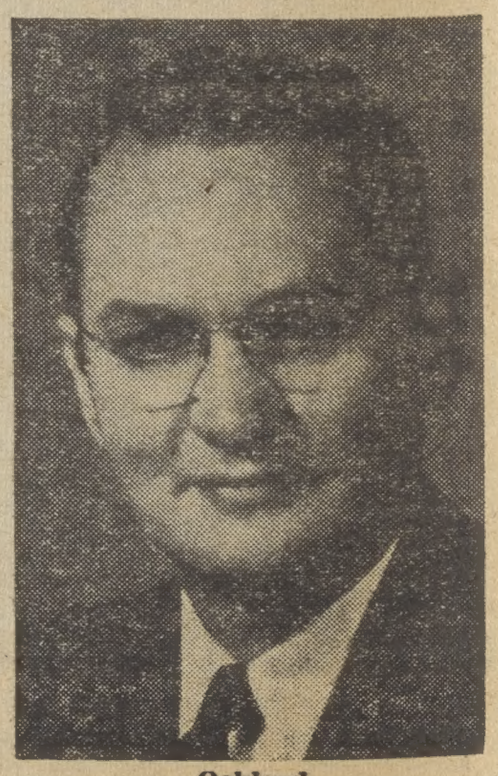

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Run-Away Army Boy Becomes LDS Father Now Missionary

By Mildred Fontana

A long time ago a youth named Hiram Brummett ran away from home in Kentucky, and joined the Army. Later he was detailed to Fort Douglas, near Salt Lake City Utah.

One evening he was best man there at a friend's wedding where a Miss Elizabeth Hansen was the maid of honor. Hiram met Elizabeth, fell in love, and of course they were married. Then World War I came, and he fought for his country.

Years later with three children they moved from Santa Monica to Oakland and Brummett, by then converted to the Church, became foreman in charge of school gardens for all Oakland City schools.

Now he is retired. His wife passed away last year. Having raised three God-fearing children, Mrs. Helene Christensen of Alameda, Robert of Oakland, and Bette Dan of Visalia, there are nine grandchildren.

They were all at Grandpa's missionary farewell testimonial Sunday Aug. 14 at the Elmhurst chapel.

Now Brother Brummett has gone to spread the Gospel from headquarters in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He left the Bay area August 24 to take special training in Salt Lake City.

Oakland Stake's Father-Sons Outing Set for Sept. 16, 17

PLACE: Marsh Creek Resort, Contra Costa Co.

DATE: Friday evening, Sept. 16th and Saturday morning, Sept. 17th.

FOOD: The Friday 6:30 p.m. dinner by the Oakland Stake MIA. After dinner a variety program. Saturday morning breakfast by each ward for their own group.

SPORTS: Swimming, horseback riding, basebal, volley-ball, football and more.

ACCOMODATIONS: Overnite accomodations are available; bring sleeping bags, or blankets, together with personal effects, towels, swim suits, etc. Each ward provide eating utensils for the Saturday morning breakfast. The MIA will provide all for the Friday evening dinner.

WHO'S INVITED: All boys and their fathers; mainly for boys of the Aaronic Priesthood age, but boys under 12 can attend with their fathers, if they desire.

Make up your mind, and register today; tomorrow may be too late. Remember, it's Sept. 16, 17 for you and your boy.

Girl Champion Sought

A LDS girl would like to share apartment with some LDS girl in or near San Leandro. Anyone having an apartment to rent in the same vicinity please contact Sandra Brundage, 371 98th Avenue, Lockhaven 2-2759.

San Leandro

MIA Class to Study Pearl of Great Price

By Lorna Beach

Congratulations to our softball team on their success this season. They have been good sportsmen and have had a wonderful time.

The Special Interest class has chosen the Pearl of Great Price for study this year. The instructor will be Carolyn Clive.

Everyone is invited to enjoy folk dancing on the first and third Saturday evenings at the ward recreation hall.

Denise M. Richmond was confirmed a member of the Church on Fast Sunday—We welcome her.

Ralph and Julia Sylvester were surprised by the members of the Primary officers and teachers and their husbands at their new home in Castro Valley. The guests were presented with a beautiful plant to show love and appreciation

A baby shower was given for Marion D'Arcey at the home of Mary Jane Moe, by the faculty of the Primary.

Eleanor Davis has been sustained as theology teacher in the Relief Society.

The Phillips are enjoying a month's motor tour with their daughter, Nona Borges. Adrian and Viola Schipper with their Daughter, Connie, are vacationing in Lake County.

Mrs. Rhoeby Martin, of Southgate, Calif., with her grandson Denny Hodson, visited with her daughter, Mrs. Al Beach, in August.

Hal and Doris Hansen are back after a two month's absence. Sister Fell has returned from Canada.

Alamenda Ward

Duane Hunt Leaves For Island Mission

By Amelia Everett

A missionary farewell testimonial was held Aug. 14 for Duane Hunt, son of Clair and Norma. After several pleasant days at the Mission Home in Salt Lake City, he returned to board the Lurline for Hawaii August 28.

The Donald and Laurel Bliss family went to Utah, chiefly for temple sealings.

LaVina McRae and son John were in Salt Lake for a reunion of her family line. They also went to Idaho.

The J. Newell Christensen family went to Utah and came back through Arizona.

Alice Moore and son, Allen Peterson, have moved to San Jose and are near her daughter.

The Relief Society held a bazaar shower and luncheon Aug. 10 at which 35 gifts were opened and many of the ladies were shown how to tat by Lorine Powell, Cora Hallford and Eugenie Daniels.

J. Reed, Lucile and Lary Schow have left us to occupy their new home (built by their own hands) in Walnut Creek.

Frances Severson has been in the hospital and very ill, but we are glad to report that she is much improved.

Babies Blessed Aug. 7: Douglas James Morton and Jean Freestone.

Confirmed: Lawrence Ivan Podwys; Gloria May Irby Pardee.

WEDDING BELLS

SAN LEANDRO: Mrs. Maxine Martin announces the marriage of her daughter, Roberta White, to Cyrus McBride, son of Dr. and Mrs. B. W. McBride. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple August 24. A reception was given for them in the garden of the bridegroom's parents.

SAN LEANDRO: Brother and Sister Judson Calhoun announce the marriage of their daughter, Anna Kathryn Turney, to Mr. Samson G. Salzinger. The marriage was performed at the home of the bride's parents.

BERKELEY SECOND: These are exciting days for Dorraine Thulin and Donal Stocker Turner, who will be married September 12 at the Epworth Methodist church in Berkeley. Among the many pre-nuptial parties were a linen shower by Mrs. John Kelley; a bridal dinner party by Mrs. Roth Brashear, matron of honor; and parties by Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. Knowles; and Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Turner, parents of the bridegroom.

WALNUT CREEK: Brother and Sister Kenneth Everett announce the engagement of their daughter, Aljean to Curtis Wright, son of Sister Frances Wright of Salt Lake City. They are planning a December wedding, probably in the Logan temple, after which they will make their home in Utah where Brother Wright has a teaching position.

PLEASANT HILL: In a lovely ceremony performed on Saturday, August 20, by Bishop Joseph Roy Hilton of Pleasant Hill ward, Dee Ann Peacock became the bride of Eugene W. C. Dahlen, III.

Dee Ann is the daughter of Oliver "Bud" and Neta Peacock and Eugene's parents live in Bell Gardens, California.

ALAMEDA: David Pinckney and Norma Badal were married in Turlock, Aug. 12. A reception was held at the George H. Pinckney home, August 20.

OAKLAND FIFTH: Karen Sue Sedgwick and Douglas Stone were married August 8 in the St. George Temple. A reception was held at the Stone's home in Piedmont August 13.

Nancy Hart, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Melvin Hart, and Richard Hughes, son of Dr. and Mrs. John Hughes, were married in August in the Salt Lake Temple.

PATSY STEWART, daughter of Elva Jean Stewart, and Don Cleaver were married July 9 in the Chapel of the Chimes. They will live in Denver where Don is assigned in the armed services.

SAN FRANCISCO: Wayne Lambert and Delores Tyler were married August 19 in the Salt Lake Temple . . . Emil Hansen and Joanne James will be married in the Salt Lake Temple September 16.

BERKELEY Sacond. "Woddy" C. Bates and Wilkinson will be married September 6 in the St. George Temple. Open house will be held September 30 at 1237 Curtis Street, Berkeley, 2 - 1 p.m.

OBITUARIES

VALLEJO: Mrs. Ruth Evelyn Cheshire, wife of Alvin Cheshire, died in Vallejo July 31; funeral services were held in August; interment was in the Salt Lake City cemetery. She is survived by her husband, Alvin, a daughter, Helen Shurtliff and a sister in Salt Lake City. Born in Salt Lake City, Sis. Cheshire married Alvin in 1908. They were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple in 1934. She served as president of Relief Society, Sunday School teacher and chorister, and in other positions. Her husband was Vallejo's first bishop.

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BIRTHS

ALAMEDA: born to J. Gayle and Shirley Morgan, July 27, a girl, Vallerie: born to Lee Rex and Ellen Tanner Daniels a son, Gary William Daniels, August 20.

PLEASANT HILL: It's another son for Von and Metta Nielsen, their second, and the fourth child. Baby Eric Whipple Nielsen was born Sunday, August 7.

SAN LEANDRO: Congratulations to Tom and Gloria Bosich who were blessed with twin daughters.

OAKLAND SECOND: born to Naomi and Jack Allen, a girl, Katherine Allen, on July 4; and born to Mariam and Dick McDonald, a boy, Mark McDonald, August 2.

RODEO WARD: to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Campbell (Shirley Wanlass), a daughter, born August 13. They have two little sons.

OAKLAND FIFTH: born to Dr. and Mrs. Sidney M. Priday June 2, a baby girl, Sarah Anne.

CONCORD: born to Bro. and Sis. Clark Fails, a son; born to Bro. and Sis. Heber Olson a daughter.

Oakland Fifth

Fifteen of 23 Girls Get Individaul Award

Congratulations to the leaders of the girls program. Fifteen out of twenty three girls received their individual awards. Three of the girls, Joyce Swenson, Nancy Hallman and Julair Knudsen, attended all required meetings. At a Sunday night meeting Joyce Swenson received a missionary Bible in recognition of her two years with a 100 percent record. Nancy Hallman received a three-in-one combination for her two years 100 percent record. Julair Knudsen received the book "Gospel Ideals", for her fourth year with 100 percent. The book was personally autographed for Julair by President David O. McKay.

We are happy to again weloome into the ward Dr: and Sr. John Hughes with Dick and Alice Ann. Bro. Hughes was in the bishopric before he entered the Armed Service.

Bro. and Sr. Roy Weindorf have flown to Belgium where they will spend a few days; then fly to Paris, and then they will fly home.

The James B. Linfords are home from a trip down the Colorado River. They were with a group of 31 who boarded the boats and rafts at Hites Ferry. They spent eight days on the boats. They had a wonderful time viewing the various historical monuments. The group disbanded at Lee's Ferry.

Ed Pyle Photographer Burned Out, Moves To Shattuck Ave. Spot

Genial Ed Pyle, Berkeley's LDS commercial photographer, was red both in face and in his shop on Hopkins Street when a huge blaze next door caught and burned part of his store. Now he's moving to 1675 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, near to Joe Eyring's busy realty office. Like Ed; **when he burned up he just moved up to better and finer things.**

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Oakland Stake

Former Members See Old Friends Again

By Mildred Fontano

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Legg, former members of Oakland III, visited old friends recently. His last assignment in the Army as international policeman in Korea completes 24 years in the service.

Theodore Ruegg of Reno, Nevada, former architect of the Berkeley chapel and many othet church structures in the area is now working on plans for an airbase near Reno. He came to the Bay area in August to confer with Vallejo bishoprics regarding completion of their chapel.

The Herman and Newell Christensen families of Castro Valley and Alameda, broke in their new station wagons by taking their families to Mexico after a vacation in Arizona last month.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hilton and daughter from Utah, former residents of the Oakland Stake, visited friends and relatives recently.

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Stakes' Cannery Achievements

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in the spirit of helpful cooperation. There are many charity and goodwill organizations on church and civic levels, but where is one equal to this simple, workable method of group welfare and self-help combined?

Sample Organization

Consider a sample stake and ward canning organization set up as we see it today in our Bay area stakes.

In San Francisco Stake, Irvin S. McDonald serves as stake cannery supervisor with two assistants and clerical help. Serving with him are cannery committees and supervisors in each ward of the stake. Working with these committees are representatives of the bishop's council.

Palo Alto Stake has a similar organization for welfare and also for group canning with Ralph H. Martin as the stake supervisor.

In Oakland Stake likewise we find stake and ward canning committees, all headed by Cornelius F. Paine, the stake supervisor. In Berkeley Stake Daniel W. Drumiler serves as stake canning supervisor, with Leslie Noe and Robert Baker, assistants.

These men and their assistants, as well as the ward canning committees, have been trained in cannery operations and certified in a cannery school conducted by the state public health department. This has taken time and much travel a long time before the cannery season opened.

The lights burn early and late at the various stake welfare centers during the canning season, commencing as a rule with apricots in July in the Bay area. A smooth working schedule is achieved through a central authority which allots days and hours for each ward and group in order to avoid conflicts. Some groups begin operation as early as six in the morning on Saturdays while other groups will work in the evenings and into the wee small hours of the morning in some instances. All labor is donated.

Call For Volunteers

Generally the first call in each ward is for volunteers to work on the welfare budget; then at a later date notice is given in the Sunday meetings for a group canning session whereby each family may join with others in putting up fruit or vegetables for home use. This plan is followed until family larders are full and the welfare budget has been completed.

Ward and stake canning committees and their heads render a distinct public service to the Church and fellow members in the wards and stakes. We all would be surprized to learn the long hours that are required, and the demand that this makes on physical and nervous endurance, as well as the love and patience that are contributed for the good of all.

Lady Missionaries, Oakland Stake Mission

Photo By Ed Scheuller

LADY MISSIONARIES, OAKLAND STAKE MISSION, first row left to right: Myrtle G. Famariss, Myrtle Snarr, Bonadell Coleman, Eva Schleich, Martha Jendras, Marie Eaton, Mary Campbell, and Shirley Henderson. Second row, Sandra Brundage, Hanna Angeli, Colleen Justus, Eunice Walton, Grace Blackwell, Venda Y. Fandrick, and Lorena Oleson. Third row, Mary Bolles, Esther Rowe, Elva P. Gillette, Mel Rae Baer, Julie Duffin, and Elsie Willis. Fourth row: Edythe Rosenkrans, Ora Grace McCluskey, Rose L. Snyder, Violet Hancock, Jeanine Ferre, and Emma K. Olson.

Dr. Ray Fisher's Widow, Mrs. Blanche Fisher, Killed in Accident

By Mildred Fontana

Mrs. Blanche Dierden Fisher of Oakland, mother of two prominent Oakland physicians and the widow of another, was killed August 20 on MacArthur Boulevard by a pick-up truck.

Three children survive, including a daughter, Margaret who came from New York to attend the funeral.

When Mrs. Fisher was a nurse years ago and working in a hospital in Boulder, Colorado, Dr. Ray Fisher was serving his internship there. They met, worked together, and married. During her life Mrs. Fisher has spent much time working with children's organizations and in welfare work for the underprivileged.

VERY EVENTFUL WEEK FOR THE HUNT CLAN

By Mildred Fontana

Wesley Duane Hunt, son of Clare and Norma Schow Hunt, was given a farewell party Sunday, August 14, prior to departing for a mission to the Hawaiian Islands.

Three brothers, Dean, Allen and Gary, and one sister, Maurine were at the testimonial with thirty-two other relatives and scores of friends.

Grandma Katie Hunt gave a dinner for the thirty-six which was quite an occasion as Grandma and Grandpa Hunt had just celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary.

And incidently Duane's parents had celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary during the same week.

EIGHT

Eight by Lloyd Larson Jr., illustrated by Robert Perine. 65c. Note to Parents: This little booklet has been written to help children understand the four basic principles of the gospel. It is suggested that after it is read, the contents of each page be discussed with them.

Missionaries Not Shown in Pictures

The following missionaries are not in the pictures of Oakland stake missionaries as shown on this page:

Alameda district: Joyce King and Patricia Orr: **Castro Valley District:** Mary Aylce Johns, Gertrude R. Lesser, Robert Lynn Moore, Jeddie L. Morse, David B. Newton, Irene Newton; **Oakland district:** Marvin L. Alexander, Grace Henry, Charles Tarochione, Robert Weir, District President.

Oakland II District: Rayma Brush, Bessie Krage, John O. Krage, Marie Tanner, Sydney Thoreson. **Oakland III District:** Carl Decker, D. P., G. Lanny Compton, Eleanor J. Goodsell, Blair Mason, Bill Rice, Joan Russell.

Oakland VI District: Nana Folkman, Doris Kingsford, Keith Stephens. **San Leandro District:** Herman Davis, Mal Duke, Rex F. Ivie, Helene Noble, Thomas Noble, Mary Stoker. **Spanish district:** William E. Kingsford, D. P.

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Elders' Group, Oakland Stake Mission

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ELDER'S GROUP OAKLAND STAKE MISSION, First row, left to right, Richard Coleman, Virdie Starks, Perry J. Earl, Fred L. Eaton, Earl F. Gillette, Edward C. Noble, and J. Gayle Morgan. Second row: Arlin D. Fowler, D. P. of Hayward District, Harley Justis, Hyrum E. Olson, Wilford W. Snyder, David Callahan, Edward Evensen, and Wm. Lloyd Green. Third row: Kenneth Walden John G. Forsman, Robert C. Stoker, Glen H. Bowen, Dean Hawkley, and Blaine Wilson. Fourth row: Frank O. Rowe, Cleve Norris, James K. McClusky, John Goleeke, Norman Hancock, Mark Van Wagoner, Don Grimes, Rex Bolles, Ross Angeli, and Nathan Dubel.

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San Francisco Stake Meeting Calendar

SEPTEMBER—1955

1 Thu 7:00 pm Stake Melchizedek Priesthood and Sr. Aaronic Pr. Comm's.
3 Sat 7:00 pm Baptismal Service
5 Mon 7:45 pm Stake Welfare Committee meeting
8 Thu 7:30 pm Cub Scout meeting
12 Mon 7:45 pm Stake Presidency meeting
15 Thu 7:45 pm Stake Primary Convention
15 Thu 7:45 pm Heads of Auxiliary Organizations, Stake Pres., and High Council.
18 Sun 7:00 pm Sunset Ward Conference
19 Mon 7:00 pm Stake Presidency and Stake Aaronic Pr. Comm.
19 Mon 7:45 pm MONTHLY STAKE PRIESTHOOD MEETING
22 Thu 10:00 am Stake Relief Society Union Meeting
25 Sun San Rafael Ward Conference
25 Sun High Council visits to all wards
25 Sun 2:30 pm Stake Sunday School Monthly Preparation Meeting
26 Mon 7:30 pm Stake MIA Leadership meeting
26 Mon 7:45 pm Stake Presidency meeting
30 - Oct. 1, 2 General Conference at SLC

San Francisco Stake Social Calendar

SEPTEMBER, 1955

16 Fri San Rafael Ward Host to Stake Party
17 Sat M-Men — Gleaner Hayride
17 Sat Seventies Party
23 Fri Sunday School Party
24 Sat Bee Hive—Scout Breakfast, Sig. Stern Grove
24 Sat Basketball Dinner
30 Fri "Football Fracas" Lucky Clover Dance

OCTOBER, 1955

1 Sat Jr. M-Men — Jr. Gleaner Hayride and Dance

San Francisco Stake

Opera "Sylvia," With Royalty, Country Folk Coming to San Francisco Stake House

By Beryl Theurer

"Sylvia" will pay a visit to the stage of the San Francisco stake house on October 14 and 15 when the stake MIA presents their second operetta. Director for this year's production is Ida Burke of Balboa II Ward.

Sister Burke will work with any member—talented or potentially talented—eager to participate. The MIA invites every age group to be represented. Principals for the operetta will be chosen solely from the try-outs of interested singers.

"Dude-ing" it on the Bar 47 Ranch near St. Helena were 24 Beehive Girls and Mia Maids and four counselors from San Francisco Stake during the week of August 15, joining Oakland Stake for their yearly camping trip.

Campers this year were: Leslie Atkins, Joanne Baird, Jo Carol Barnes, Sheila Coski, Robin Craft, Irma Lee Williams, Diane Lindman, Karen Okelberry, Karen Gill, Nancy Roberts, and Darlene Taylor of Balboa II; Peggy Greenwood, Judy Jaynes, Karen Kolb, Linda Lawes, and Marlene Nichols of Mission; Norma Kay Fallows, Joan Ingram, Joy Jacobsen, Roxie Reid, Judith Tomlinson, and Julianne Trottier of San Rafael; Janice and Judith Ann Mayfield of Sunset. Junior counselors were Karen Ray of Sunset and Sheri Roberts of Balboa II. Adult counselors were Florence Baird of Balboa II and Lorna Fallows of San Rafael.

Supervising the camping was stake age-group counselor Lois Burrows.

M Men—Gleaners Get Acquainted

M Men and Gleaners of the stake were the guests of Mission Ward on August 30 at the annual "Howdy Night" of this group. Stake supervisors are Gail Terry and Allen Tuttle.

Over 66 Explorers, Mia Maids and friends gathered on McNear Beach on August 9 for their annual Summaeree, planned by stake leaders Emily Trottier and Jay Banks.

Vacation Beach on the Russian River was the site for the stake Jr. M Men and Gleaner outing on July 30. Over 100 fun-lovers joined in the swimming, boating and picnicking. Stake leaders were Carmen Tuttle and Frank Heiss, and Stake Jr. Gleaner President Gay Robinson.

"Moonlight Kapers" was the theme of the semi-formal stake dance held in the San Rafael Ward amusement hall and patio by Jr. M Men and Gleaners on August 19. About fifty dancers found delight in the beautiful setting, the music and refreshments which rounded out the lovely evening. Decorations were by San Rafael ward, with Stake Supervisor Frank Heiss handling the general arrangements.

TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM STRESSED BY STAKE PRESIDENCY

The need for pre-trained teachers in the ward and stake auxiliaries is recognized as plans are under way to organize a teacher-training class in each ward of the stake. Members of wards who are desirous of serving as teachers of the Gospel in any of the church auxiliaries or priesthood quorums are urged to contact their bishop or Sunday school superintendent to enroll in this 28-week course.

The teacher-training course is being given to stake board members on a monthly basis by Bessie Schettler, stake teacher trainer, beginning September 25.

Stake Sunday school preparation meetings will resume on a monthly basis September 25 after a brief summer recess. San Francisco Stake was found to be high in the region for attendance at these monthly meetings.

Ettiene Schier of Mission Ward has been added to the stake Sunday school board to advise on genealogy work.

Average ward Sunday school attendance for the month of July was:

Balboa	22%
Balboa II	29
Mission	35
San Francisco	38
San Rafael	28
Sunset	27

The stake average for the month was 30%.

San Francisco Stake Cans 10,000 Tins Apricots and Peaches

From July 16 to August 20 when this report had to go in a total of approximately 10,000 cans of apricots and peaches had been processed for the stake's welfare budget. An additional 3571 cans had also been put up for the home larders of the groups participating.

In this welfare canning Balboa Ward had processed 800 cans of apricots, Balboa Second 1002, San Francisco Ward 66, and Sunset over 2000. Welfare peaches had been also processed for the welfare budget as follows: Balboa Ward and Sunset had cooperated to process 2457 cans of peaches and 645 cans of peach jam.

In group canning Balboa did 485 cans of apricots (and 63 cans of jam), Balboa Second, 191 cans of apricot jam, San Francisco Ward 1675 cans of peaches and 325 cans of peach jam.

In peach group canning Balboa Ward canned 233 cans and Sunset 600. It is understood that a limited quantity of peaches are still available at the stake cannery.

Mission Ward

Choir, Guests, Outing At Joaquin Miller

By Helen L. Stolzenburg

The Mission Ward choir and their guests, which included the bishopric and their wives, enjoyed an evening's outing at Joaquin Miller Fire Circle. The choir said thank-you to President Marilyn Schwindt and her husband, Andy for making the outing so enjoyable.

The Mission Ward Relief Society will hold a work and pleasure meeting Sept. 21. The opening social for all women of the ward will be held Sept. 28.

We are proud of the 21 girls from Mission ward who participated in the successful San Francisco Stake girls' volleyball tournament, April to June. Our team was undefeated. We feel our success was due to the team-work. The trophy made us proud, and determined to win it again next year.

Visiting at the home of the Thomas Thurgoods are the Harry Gilmores and their daughter, Elizabeth. Brother Gilmore is first counselor, Portland Third Ward.

Blessings, August 7: Cynthia Calbillo, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Robert Calbillo; Kenneth Brent Collins, son of the Robert Francis Collins; Gordon Francisco Ortego, son of the Frank Ortegos; Mariells Sheffield, daughter of the James Lloyd Sheffields; Luanne Charlene Earnshaw, daughter of the Charles D. Earnshaws; Denice Ann Duncan, daughter of the Dale Lewis Duncans; and Diann Tenny, daughter of the Keith Roland Tennys.

Confirmations: Brother and sister Lewis Duncan, Donald Stephen White, William Joseph, Duane Herbert Hyer, Leland Hughes Hemming, Gladys Hanks Dick.

San Francisco Ward

Thanks, Bishop Price Counselors; Welcome New Ward Bishopric

By Patria Egbert

All members of San Francisco Ward express appreciation and gratitude for the worthy way that our bishopric has served us.

Bishop Albert H. Price together with his counselors Charles E. Wright and Stanton F. Benson and ward clerk Maxwell D. Jones have faithfully striven for the welfare of the ward and its members.

Sustained as our new bishopric are W. Ellwood Scoville and counselors Kenneth M. Glew and D. Gordon Paxman; Maxwell D. Jones ward clerk and Alfred H. Price, financial clerk.

Dean Gray was sustained as Sunday School superintendent with assistants Allen E. Andersen and Gerald K. Mahoney.

Released as YWMIA president was Rose Coshow, and sustained as the new president was Kathleen Brown. Released from the YMMIA were superintnedent Guy Baker with counselors Furg Johnson and David Chaffee; Sustained were Furg Johnson, superintendent and Udell Poulson as age group assistant.

The MIA enjoyed a delightful fun time on a recent Tuesday night at Sigmund Stern grove where a hobo party was held, plus a treasure hunt, and good stew and a watermelon. Later came singing around a campfire and then dancing in the club house.

Messenger Slogan

I will include our LDS businessmen within the circle of my day to day shopping, even tho it requires going a little out of my way. I believe it's brotherhood in action.

San Francisco's Softball Champions

SAN FRANCISCO WARD SOFTBALL TEAM, champions of San Francisco Stake. Shown above, left to right, first row: Dave Chaffee, Orville Pitcher, Rex Marcusen, Buck Wong, Richard Hollon. Back Row: Ben Gassaway, Jr., Dick Lambert, Doug Shellon, Paul Jolley, Red Jardine.

S. F. Stake

Claude Nalder Loved By All; Especially by The Young People

By Beryl Theurer

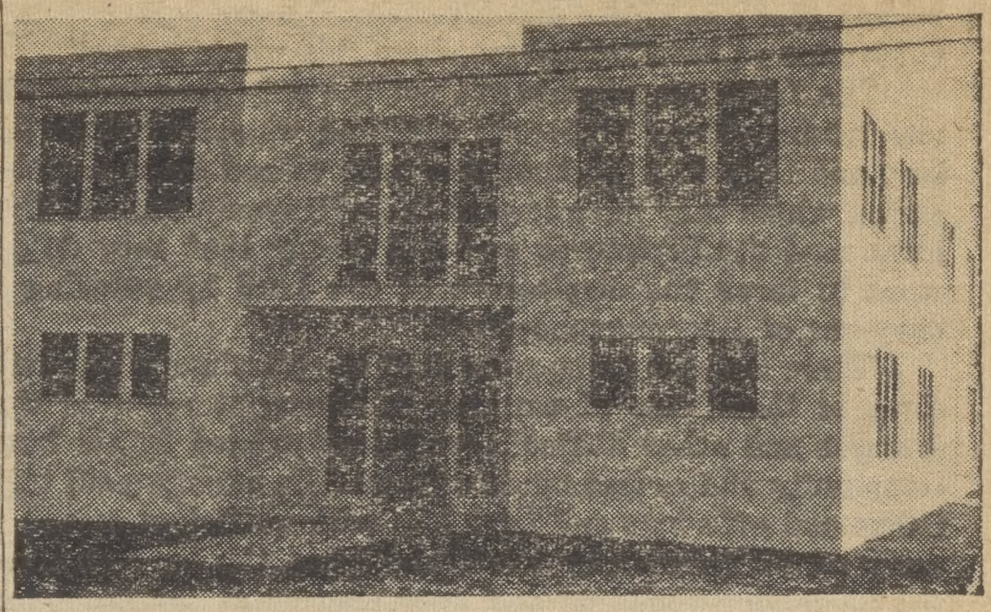
An indication of the greatness of Brother Claude Nalder is the fact of his being an accepted champion of the young people. They adored him and would do anything for him. He gave to them choice advice and wise counsel, and influenced many for good.

President Nalder was an inspired speaker. His delightful sense of humor was a quality greatly appreciated by the members of the ward.

The beautiful marriage ceremonies he performed will not easily be forgotten. It is estimated that he performed over 100 such ceremonies during the 23 years he served as bishop of San Francisco Ward.

Bishop Nalder was looked upon as a man of importance by the civic leaders of SanFrancisco who called upon him to speak at many civic affairs.

S. F. Stake's Two-Story Welfare Center



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Dear Brethren and Sisters

Editor's Note: For many months Elder Nalder has contributed for the Messenger readers a regular column for the paper's editorial page. The heading was always as above, "Dear Brethren and Sisters."

While bishop of his beloved San Francisco Ward, which he served so well for 23 years, Brother Nalder was accustomed to address a fatherly letter to his flock each month. Many declared these letters were a great inspiration.

The Messenger therefore asked Elder Nalder to continue his letters to a larger audience. He generously responded though burdened with the great responsibilities of a mission president.

This letter closes the series here on earth. Who knows what larger fields of labor await Claude W. Nalder in the organization of the Church to which his membership has now been transferred!

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The law of tithing like the law of the United Order is not original with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek and Jacob covenanted with the Lord to pay a tenth of his increase. In the days of the Savior there were those of the Scribes and Pharisees who practiced the law of tithing.

You will remember the commandment of the Lord through the Prophet Malachi. He said: "Bring ye all the tithes unto the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of Hosts."

But in another statement through the prophet Malachi, we find that the Lord was displeased with the disobedience of the children of Israel, because he says: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation."

The Latter-day Saints are not the only ones today who pay tithing. Many righteous men and women observe this law, and they do it because they believe and sense the obligation which they have toward their Heavenly Father. They have read the Scriptures and feel deeply that they do not want to incur the displeasure of the Lord by refusing to obey one of His commandments.

There are many who can tell of the blessings which have come to them. One of our own missionaries reported that drought and other difficult conditions existed in his home community and caused much concern. His parents paid their tithes and offerings and kept him with sufficient means to carry on his missionary work, and when the harvest came, the neighbors wondered and were amazed at the crops and the abundance which came to this particular family. Surely no one would have to point out to them that the "windows of Heaven had been opened to them.

The Lord bless you, dear Brethren and Sisters. A trial air raid alarm in which some of the routines were practiced, reminded us yesterday of what could be, and how important it is that we stand in "holy places".

Sincerely your brother, Claude W. Nalder

Claremont Chapel Is Dedicated

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25, 1951, ground breaking ceremonies were held on this site with Henry D. Moyle of the Council of Twelve officiating. Dean Price was the architect.

Charles W. Maurer, the first building supervisor, was forced to resign for health reasons, and Sidney F. Feller took over and completed the chapel.

In October, 1953, the partly completed structure was first used for church services.

The present bishopric is composed of A. Selden Millward, bishop, with Fred B. Reiche and Joseph E. Wood, counselors, and Jay L. Brown, ward clerk with Bergeson, assistant ward clerks.

Mission Ward

John Young Bigelow Age 88, Passes Away After Honorable Life

John Young Bigelow, 88, was born in Provo, Utah, March 21, 1866, to Moroni and Elvira Jane Mecham Bigelow. He was the second son of a family of four boys, and a direct descendant of John and Mary Warren Bigelow, the first Bigelow family in America.

At the age of 19 he married Elizabeth Ewell in the Logan Temple, and to them was born six sons and two daughters.

As a child he lived in Provo, St. George, Gunlock, and other towns in Utah, and after his marriage he lived in Provo, Helper, and Mammoth in Utah, and in Los Angeles, California, and many years in Alaska.

Elder Bigelow was a faithful church member, a devoted husband, and a loving father. Making friends realiy, he was loved and respected by all who knew him, especially by children and young people.

The first postmaster in Helper, Carbon County, Utah, he was also a carpenter, farmer, and miner. He held the office of deacon, elder and high priest, and offices in the auxiliary organizations of the church. He loved nature, and enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing, and prospecting.

Bro. Bigelow contributed freely of his means to the church, and assisted in the building of meeting houses and other church buildings, and supported his son Irving on a mission to the Hawaiian Island. His son Moroni is a veteran of World War I. He also did a great deal of temple work.

John Young Bigelow passed away in San Francisco July 24th, and now rests in the Greenlawn Cemetery, in Colma, San Mateo County, California. He is survived by his youngest sister, Mrs. Alice Adams, a daughter, Mrs. Evadna B. McKune, two sons, Iving, and Moroni, eight grandchildren, eighteen greatgrandchildren, and a host of relatives located mostly in the Inter-mountain and Pacific Coast states.

ANN DAVIS THOMAS

Menlo Park Member Chosen to Direct Nat. Welsh Song Fest

Mrs. Ann Davies Thomas, director of the Stanford Research Institute chorus and chorister of the Palo Alto Stake Relief Society, has been chosen to direct the 24th annual National Gymanfa Ganu, a Welsh organization for hymn and anthem music, which holds its 1955 meeting in the Salt Lake Tabernacle Sept. 2, 3, 4, 1955. Pres. David O. McKay, Welsh on his mother's side, is honorary president of the Utah Gymanfa Ganu.

Born in Wales, Sister Thomas came to Kansas (1922) and studied music at the Kansas State Teachers College and for 25 years was on the faculty of that institution, teaching piano, organ, and theory, and assisting in choral work. Later she studied in Chicago, New York, and London.

Marrying Dr. M. D. Thomas in 1951, Mrs. Thomas moved to Salt Lake City. Soon she took a leading part in musical circles in the West, and served as stake MIA and ward chorister. She has conducted Welsh gyman ganu in more than a dozen large American cities, including Los Angeles aand Oakland.

Mrs. Thomas has also appeared as an organ soloist, and has composed a number of special arrangements for organ dedications.

In Menlo Park Ward, this talented lady is serving as Sunday school chorister besides being stake Relief Society chorister. She will direct three other Welsh music festivals this fall, in Wisconsin, San Francisco, and in Ohio.

October, November Messenger Issues

The October Messenger will be devoted to Regional Welfare Work in all its phases, illustrated.

The November issue will be dedicated to the ward and stake choirs of the four Messenger stakes. Choristers please take notice that photos are solicited, but must be in our hands by October 15th for inclusion in this issue.

BYU Graduation Lists Three Degrees For Bay Area Youth

Dawn H. Jones of San Francisco and Lucile Farnsworth of San Jose received bachelor degrees in August from the Brigham Young University.

James G. McFarlene of Oakland received a master's degree in science at the same summer graduation exercises.

Mormon Battalion to Be Featured on Ft. Moore Memorial

The Mormon Battalion raised the first U.S. flag in what is now Los Angeles July 4, 1847. This was on Fort Moore Hill, now in downtown Los Angeles.

Progress is doing things to that hill, but a new long and high concrete wall with bas-relief sculptures and a great waterfall will forever mark the historic site. One section of this permanent memorial will be devoted to raising-the-flag episode in 1847 by the Mormon Battalion.

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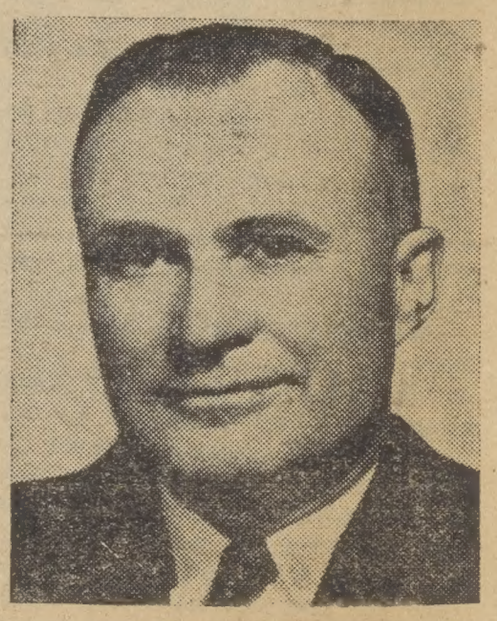

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San Bruno

John Parry Released F. Ayrton Sustained Bishop's Counselor

By Whitney Groo

At Sacrament service in the San Bruno Ward, August 21st John C. Parry was released as second counselor to Bishop Thomas J. Curtis. Franklin H. Ayrton was sustained to this office. The change was made necessary by Brother Parry's transfer to the Denver headquarters of his company.

John and Jean Parry have contributed greatly to the success of the organizations of the ward and have been an inspiration to others through their great spiritual strength. Brother John and Sister Jean served as stake missionaries in the Palo Alto Stake.

Brother Ayrton was called to the bishopric from his office as district mission president in the San Bruno area. Sister Virginia Ayrton is currently coordinator of the Junior Sunday school.

Palo Alto Stake Lead Entire Region In Welfare Canning

Palo Alto Stake will can more fruits and vegetables this year for the Welfare Program than any other stake in the San Francisco Bay Welfare Region. A partial report of the stake's canning shows a successful season in welfare canning to date. A total of 17,216 cans was reported processed between July 21 and August 18. The season is scarcely half over as the Messenger goes to press. All of this is credited to welfare canning except 216 cans.

The 10,955 cans of apricots reported was processed as follows: Sharps Park 1521, Burlingame 2100, San Mateo 1897, San Carlos 891, Redwood City, 683, Menlo Park 1310, Palo Alto 1478 and Sunnyvale 1075. All this from July 21 to July 29.

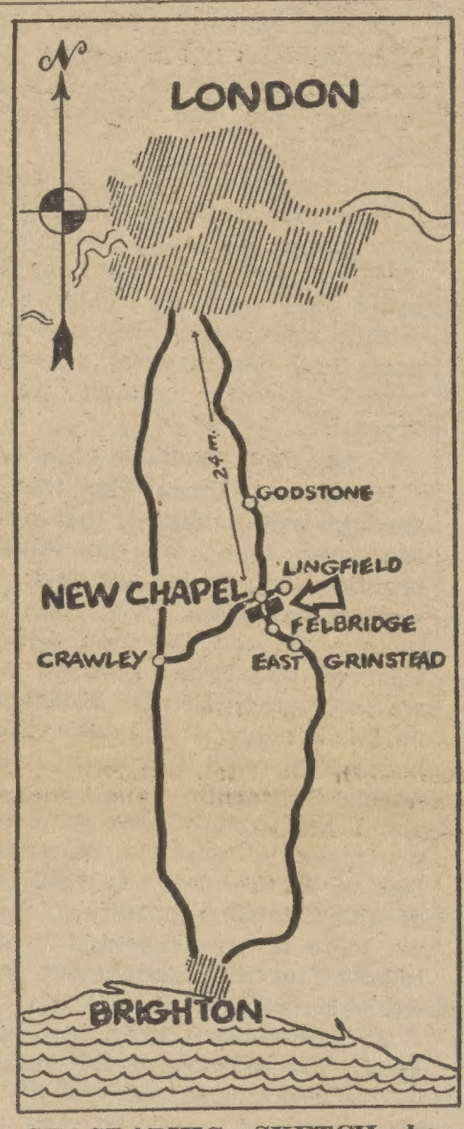
The report on peaches shows that 6045 cans were put up by freely donated labor from August 15 to 18 as follows: Los Altos and Sunnyvale 1747, San Mateo and Menlo Park 1385. Palo Alto 1479, San Carlos and Redwood 1434.

LDS Temple To Be Built

THE STATELY ENGLISH MANSION at New Chapel, England, midway between London and Bristol, is the site of the future British LDS Temple. On these premises President David O. McKay will break ground August 27 for the beginning of construction work on the temple. The Tabernacle choir will participate in the exercises.

J. WESLEY CHRISTENSEN

. . . new LDS Institute leader in Sacramento for Latter-day Saint students at Sacramento's Junior College. Elder Christensen will also supervise the seminaries for high schools ages in the wards of Sacramento and Gridley Stakes.



GEOGRAPHIC SKETCH showing New Chapel, England, midway between London and Bristol, and the site of groundbreaking exercises August 27 by President McKay for the first LDS Temple on British soil.

Northern California Mission High Records

The San Francisco district of the Northern California mission ranked first in total index points among the mission's nine districts for July 1955.

Three Fresno elders sold 24, 20 and 17 copies respectively of the Book of Mormon during July, while three San Francisco elders sold 20, 18, and 18 copies during the same month. In the entire mission 97 missionaries sold 572 copies and loaned 213 other copies. Living expenses on the average per missionary was almost exactly $70 in July. Eleven missionaries held from 60 to 70 cottage meetings respectively in the one month, to lead the mission for that period.

"The greatest single cause of sickness is undoubtedly dislike for health-building foods.

"The mother determines food like and dislikes of her family. If she serves only health-building foods (and prepares them to be tasty) her family soon come to enjoy these foods most. The reverse is equally true"—Adele Davis in Let's Cook It Right.

Terrie Jean Voyce Scans Her Winning Art

It's Cricket, This Crockett Business

By Ann Brown

Terrie Jean Voyce, 8 shows her brother, Bruce 5, the art work which won her first prize in the group one (children under 10) division of The San Francisco Call-Bulletin's recent big "Davy Crockett Coloring Contest."

Terrie, accompanied by her mother, will enjoy an expense paid trip to the fabulous Disneyland in Southern California where she will be the special guest of Walt Disney at the preview of his newest addition to the world of fantasy, Disneyland.

Terrie is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. A. K. Voyce of the Redwood City Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Haight Enjoy Two Weeks Honolulu Vacation

By Stanley S. Gibb

President David B. Haight is coming to be one of the most traveled members of the Palo Alto Stake. He's off again, this time to Honolulu with the Mrs. and daughter for a two-weeks vacation, all for free—the check being picked up by a nationally known appliance company.

This is the second time in two years that Elder Haight has won such a vacation from this outfit, and both times for a record of top sales. Last year it was the Bermuda cruise.

The Haights will return in time for the quarterly stake conference which is dated for September 10 and 11.

Now Palo Alto Stake Has Its Own Church Book Depository

For the first time members of Palo Alto Stake have at hand a supply of LDS publications. Mrs. Boyd S. Drennan of 1805 Gum Street, San Mateo has accepted the responsibility of LDS bookdealer for the penninsula wards. Her phone number is FI. 5-5136.

She has at her home over $300 stock of current LDS books and also takes orders and mails books anywhere.

Sister Drennan works in the Primary while her husband serves as a stake missionary. She is Utah raised, a daughter of D. Eccles and Nellie J. Cameron of Provo. The Drennans were married in the Salt Lake Temple in 1951, and have a son one and one half years old.

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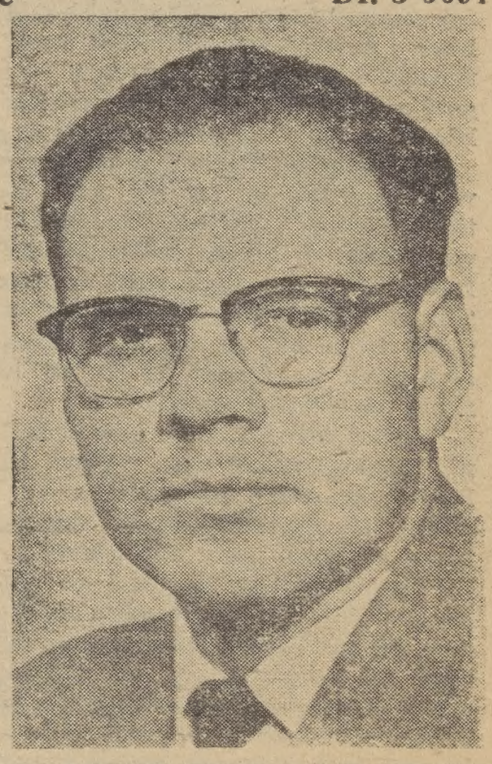

The Messenger
Of Northern California

"Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple."
—Malachi 3:1.

The Bishop's Storehouse Took Away Our Fear of Not Having Enough To Eat

By Ivy Baker Priest,
Treasurer of the United States

(This remarkable personal tribute to the power of the Restored Church, and the Lord's Storehouse, part of the Welfare Plan of that Church, comes from the grateful heart of a great lady in a high governmental post today. The article is published, with Mrs. Priest's photograph on the cover, as the first article in Guideposts, September, 1955. Guideposts is an inspirational monthly edited by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, author of Confident Living and other current classics in this field. It came conveniently just in time for the September issue of the Messenger which was planned to be dedicated to the Church's Welfare Program. Mrs. Priest is Treasurer of the US. Guideposts is published at Carmel, New York and enjoys a circulation near to if not over 100,000.)

Mrs. Priest Begins

Shortly after I came to Washington, a friend asked me what was the most difficult problem I ever had to face. I found myself answering without thinking: "Poverty."

It seems odd to people that the Treasurer of the United States, who is concerned with billions of dollars, was once concerned with poverty. Time and gain our family made plans for the future, then abandoned them because there wasn't enough money to carry the plans out.

My father, for instance, would have made a great judge. He was the kind of man others looked to when it was necessary to weigh, balance, and consider. Yet my father never even became a lawyer. He was a pioneer's son in the new, raw state of Utah. By the time my father got through work-the dry fields as a- boy, there wasn't time for much formal education, and my father didn't get to high school. He went to work in the copper mines instead.

Mother Has Plans

Mother, too, had plans that were abandoned. Her dreams were for her family. Mother had seven children—I was the eldest—and felt strongly that each of us should have a normal home life. Yet every time she was about to reach her goal some new disaster entered her life.

For instance, Mother never knew when my father left for work in the morning whether he would walk back or be carried back. My father was what was called a mine "leaser." He would lease out a stoke from one of the companies and work it himself. If he hit it right, times were good.

"We've found a fine new vein," my father would say. "Time to hire some extra hands."

But if anything went wrong, times could be very bad indeed.

From the first, we had to get used to this feast-or-famine existence in my family. Once, when we were in a feast time, my father and mother moved into a large house in Bingham Canyon, Utah. It was just a frame building, set on a hill along with a row of other mining-town houses, close up to a narrow street.

Our House Had a Yard

But our house did have a yard. It was about the only yard in town. Mother was very happy with her home, and she expressed this by opening her yard to the neighborhood. "I believe I could count 50 children out back," Mother used to say, looking out the window. But she said it with a smile.

Yet even Mother's home was not really hers for long.

One day there was another accident at the mine. My father's leg was broken, and he was out of work for months. We very shortly ran out of money. Mother turned to our church's welfare program for aid. She also turned the home she was so proud of into a boarding house.

Then, in addition to 50 children romping around outside, seven children of her own, an injured husband to care for, there were 30 miners to feed times a day.

Boarders On and Off

On and off all through my childhood, Mother took in boarders. Whenever things went well, she would try to get her home back to normal. But whenever things were tight—back came the boarders.

You can imagine how Mother's dream of a normal home life for her family had to be changed.

Even such things as family prayers, for instance, were far from normal in my childhood. Prayers had an unusual function in our home. With most families mealtime is a family time. Mealtime in our house was just the opposite. Out in the dining room was Father; he ate with the boarders as master of the house. I had to eat separately. I used to be up at five in the morning to put up lunches for the men. After that I had a job of looking after my younger brothers' and sisters' meals. I ate when they were through.

Mother—I don't remember about when she ate. After everyone else was served. I suppose. But at any rate mealtime was not a family time in our home. So we grew to depend heavily on family prayers as a time to be together in the presence of God. "You know, you can face adversity much better when you don't feel you're alone," my father used to say.

Time for Prayer

Our time for prayers was either morning or evening, sometimes both. So much depended on my father's work. But somewhere we always found place for prayer in our day, even though it came at odd, difficult hours.

My mother and father were Mormons. The fact that they were Mormons was responsible for their meeting in the first place. There is a practice in the Mormon Church for young men to devote two years of their lives in missionary work. My father went to England during his two missionary years and there met Mother, who was a member of the Mormon Church of England. They fell in love. On his return to America he worked and saved to pay Mother's passage to the States. They married and moved to Utah.

We have a belief in the Mormon Church that we call "eternal progression." We believe in a stage of existence before birth, as well as after death. We believe that man progresses from one stage in his existence to another; and I was taught by my family that while we are in the stage known as "life," each of us is given a separate set of talents. Our objective in life is to use these talents to the utmost, wherever they lead us.

This is the kind of objective my mother and father had.

This is why, hard as they worked, they weren't even fazed when material plans seemed to fail.

"If we don't use our talents, that is where we fail," my mother used to say, out in the kitchen, whenever one of her own best-laid plans went a-gley. "We must try to make sound plans. But we should never set our heart on one goal so firmly that our world will come tumbling down around our feet if we can't reach it. How do we know what path God has in mind for our talents?"

I have found this very helpful all my life.

Youthful Dreams

When I was a young girl, I decided I would like to become a lawyer. I actually did get as far as entering the University of Utah. Then one snowy day in 1928, when he was still a vigorous man, my father was run over by a car. His skull was fractured. He never recovered. He lay ill for the last six years of his life, and his income stopped completely. There was no choice but for me to go to work.

"Don't worry," Mother said, "Education is not a separate and complete experience. It is a preparation for the experience of living."

I never did get back to college I went to work immediately as a telephone operator. The younger children took whatever jobs they could find such as caddying and selling newspapers. But when we pooled all our incomes, there still wasn't always enough to go around.

Church Welfare Plan

It was at times like this, all through my childhood, that one of the very finest of the Mormon practices came to our aid: our welfare program. We tithe our income in the Mormon Church. Part of our tithes goes to what we call the Lord's Storehouse, modeled after the Lord's Storehouse in the Old Testament, where people in trouble could come for aid. I don't know how we'd have made out without the storehouse. But one of the most beautiful parts of this Mormon program is that we were always expected to contribute to the storehouse, even while receiving.

We contributed time, instead of goods. The children could go down to the storehouse workrooms. My mother could go down, too, and sew or help out in the cannery. It kept us from feeling we were charity cases, which we weren't. Even accepting aid was a part of our religious life.

In 1934, my father passed into the last stage of his own "eternal progression," and just three years ago my mother joined him. But they had used their talents to the utmost.

My father, for instance, contributed his gift for careful, prayerful judgment and his innate wisdom both to his family and to literally hundreds of miners who might never have known such a man if my father had become a judge.

My mother contributed her cheerfulness, her astounding ability to accept her lot, roll up her sleeves and start again. Her spirit was so well-known that Mother never had to hunt for boarders. She could pick and choose; and she did. The men liked her cooking, but they really came to our house because they wanted to be with a family.

Took Away Fear

All their lives my mother and father had a security that was astounding under the circumstances of their lives. They knew they could depend on their storehouse. That storehouse took away the fear of not having enough to eat. But even more important they had a spiritual storehouse within themselves that they contributed to always.

A security like theirs cannot be wrecked by adversity, because insecurity comes from fear of having to abandon one's plans.. My mother and my father never, really, had to abandon their plans.

That's how it was that, although poverty was the worst problem our family had to face, not one of the seven children ever lacked the sense of being entirely secure Which, I guess, is as fine a tribute as anyone could ever pay to his parents.

My Testimony

By Mabel B. Liddell

This is the deeply moving story of Harry A. Clark of Balboa Ward, San Francisco Stake. He served with the United States Air Force from 1940 to 1948:

"My testimony began on August 15, 1944. On that day, while on a bombing mission into Germany, our airplane was shot down by enemy fighter planes. It was a flaming death for six of our crew, while the remaining four parachuted to escape that fate. After coming to earth on an enemy airfield, wounded, burned and half scared to death, I wandered away from my parachute, perhaps a few hundred yards and then vocally, unashamed and on my bended knees, I gave thanks to God that I had been delivered from the flaming inferno that had been our airplane. I feel that I did this praying much in the same manner as the prophet Joseph Smith. I was there in the woods, alone, and I prayed that I might be delivered from my enemies and the imprisonment with torture that I knew would be forthcoing. Then all at once, I was no longer afraid; my head cleared and I have never had the feeling of power go through my body that I felt at that moment.

"I walked across an open field toward some trees and there I was met by a man who spoke English. He was one of only three people I met in Holland who spoke English during all of the unending months of hiding that followed. I was protected by the good people of the Netherlands—secreted at times in the woods, once in a signal tower without food for ten days, then finally I was concealed in nineteen different homes during nine iterminable months before liberation.

"I asked for books written in English and surely Providence guided these wonderful people to give me the Bible; it was the only book they had in my language.

"My life was constantly in danger. Death of my fellowmen became so commonplace during those last days of German occupation that had it been my turn I would never have been surprised. I only wish I could forget that part of my life. Those accumulated experience proved one thing to me however. I had been liberated because **God is real.** My prayers had been answered; of that I had more than enough proof.

"Now I had to find a place to worship Him."

"Any individual who has a newfound Father and cannot find the house in which to worship him is indeed an unhappy being. For three years, after returning home, I attended churches of amost every denonimation. There is no need to name them, but never once did I feel close to the God I had found on my knees in an enemy country.

"Still in the Air Force, I was transferred to Ogden, Utah. There I met and married my loving wife who was the daughter of a devout Mormon family. After establishing our home, we had our first visit from the ward teachers. I always made them welcome in my home, but to me, and practically since I wasn't a Mormon, it seemed as though they were always in a hurry to depart, and my questions were left unanswered. I know now, that these young men were either skeptical or afraid of me.

"One windy, cold night in March 1949, two humble home missionaries called at our home. They stayed for three hours and by the time they left I had a basic knowledge of the Mormon religion and my curiosity to learn more had really been aroused. I looked forward to their every visit. I felt closer to God there in my own home with those missionaries than I ever had in all the churches I had attended."

"Later when we took a trip to my wife's home in Idaho, for the first time, and only because I requested it, my wife's father talked to me about the Church. He was the first to tell me of temple sealing, the celestial kingdom and the meaning of exhaltation. He also advised me to be sure I wanted to be a Mormon before I joined the Church."

"After that visit I earnestly began to study. I attended Church and was impressed by the companionship, devotion and goodfellowship among the people there. I proved to myself through the Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants and the Pearl of Great Price that at last I had found the place in which to worship my heavenly Father. Through the instrumentality of the good people in the Church I fully accepted the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as the only true church upon the earth and was baptized April 28, 1955."

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Richmond Ward

SOS For Richmond Rummage Sale

By Alice Thompson

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Call Be. 5-1145, or contact any member of the bishopric or financial committee and items will be picked up and stored until sale time. Don't throw it our way.

SOME QUORUMS EXCELL IN BERKELEY STAKE

In the June 1955 index of Quorum activity in Berkeley Stake, the fourth quorum of elders scored highest among all stake quorums in total index figures, receiving 81 points out of a possible 100, while the second quorum of elders reached lowest for a total of 36 points. The average of all quorums was 51.

Concord

Dorothy Thomas New Primary President; Counselors Retained

By Lorraine Reinoldson

Released from the Primary with thanks was President LaRue England. Replacing the president is Dorothy Thomas. She retains Melva Hill and Norma Fackrell as counselors. Betty Morley is secretary and Leone Johnson, organist.

Twila Christenson was awarded a five-year certificate in Sacrament meeting recently for work in the Primary.

Seminary enrollment has reached above 60 so far, calling for two classes with Duane Crooks and Dwayne Anderson as teachers . . . Annual ward picnic was held at Castle Rock Park on the weekend of August 19.

Proceeds of last year's directory bought the pump for the well at the chapel. This year the directory will cost $1.00 again and the proceeds will go to buy new Sacrament equipment.

Judy Holbrook is leading in Redman's Pow Wow Queen Contest, an annual Concord event . . . Swim season at Mt. Diablo High School is now closed.

The elders of Concord ward held a party August 19, honoring the Concord Ward softball team who have been chosen to represent the stake in Salt Lake. A cake sale was held at BI Wise Market to help raise funds to send these boys back for the softball final play-offs.

Brother Duane Crooks is holding Fireside for investigators and new converts in his home each Sunday, with the Book of Mormon as the course of study.

Concord Ward membership has jumped from 700 (approximately) to 1150 in one year's time. The children number over 600.

Mutual is offering rewards to boys and girls who complete the prescribed Bible reading course from week to week.

Orinda

Pres. Ferguson Says: Help Missionaries Get Into Homes

By Lillie B. Bargaehr

Bishop's Message: "Our great need in Orinda is to increase our membership. We must build up this part of the Kingdom of God. We can build up our membership in two ways: First, we can encourage inactive members to take part, and second, we can carry the gospel to our friends and neighbors in Orinda.

I encourage all of you to do what you can to open doors for our Missionaries. Ask your friends —after you have prepared them for the question if they would like to have the fullness of the gospel outlined to them in the privacy of their own homes. The missionaries will do the rest. We will soon have three active missionaries from our own branch. We need to develop leads for these three missionaries."—Thomas Stuart Ferguson, Branch President.

The Relief Society of the Orinda Branch has now been fully organized: Bonita Odom, president with Mary S. Scott, and Vera Hart, counselors; Ruth Smith, secretary, and Marion C. Benson, chorister; Bonnie Hill theology, Madonna Hughes, work meeting; Pauline Fowler, home economist; Edith Coombs, literature; and Ealon Willey, social science. Lillie B: Bargaehr is Relief Society Magazine representative.

We also wish a speedy recovery to Sister Pearl J. Ferguson, mother of our esteemed branch president. She is recovering at the home of Pres. and Sister Ferguson on Irving Lane from a recent operation.

Berkeley Stake Cans Over 26,000 Tins Apricot, Peach, Apple

While the fruit season is only party over, Berkeley Stake has reached the astonishing total of 26,843 cans of apricots, peaches and apples processed as of August 20. Included in this total, however, are a few hundred cans of cherries and corn. Group canning accounted for over 13,000 cans of this total.

Nearly 8,000 was put up for the stake's budget. Over 1500 cans of beef was also canned for the assigned welfare budget.

Apricot canning was all done on the group canning basis for a total of 2835 cans. The wards concerned were Richmond 928 cans, Walnut Creek 802, Berkeley First 717, Concord 1373, Rodeo 556, and Claremont 1459.

Applesauce canning was also all done on the group basis, none being needed for the budget. Groups participating were: Berkeley First 964, East Richmond 846, Berkeley Second 1136, Martinez 1202, Concord 1068, Richmond 290 and Rodeo 903 (264 of which were sliced apples).

Cherries, 665 cans, were put up on the group basis by East Richmond Ward, while by another group in Martinez Ward (54 cans), and by Richmond Ward (111 cans).

A total of 7464 cans of peaches were processed August 12 to 20. On the Group basis this was done by the following wards: Pittsburg 1997 cans, (and 190 jam), Rodeo 562 (and 224 jam), Richmond 1228, East Richmond 1297, Berkeley First 1033 and Claremont 993.

Peaches for the Welfare budget totalled 8558 for the same perio.d. The Wards participating were: Rodeo 80, Pittsburg 1023, Martinez 1331, Walnut Creek 1364, Berkeley First 1016, Pleasant Hill 1160 and Concord 943, Claremont 697 and 134 jam.

Berkeley Second

Roger Thulin Wins National Art Honor

Roger Thulin of Berkeley Second ward has won national recognition. He has been awarded $20 and honorable mention at the Ford Industrial Arts exhibit in Dearborn, Michigan, for a carved wooden tray. Roger is a student at Portola Junior high school. He will be honored with other regional winners at a luncheon at the Sheraton Palace hotel.

Ruel Wanlass Family Move to Santa Maria

By Una Ellsworth

Ruel and Geneva Wanlass are moving the first week in September to make their home in Santa Maria.

Brother Wanlass was president of Rodeo Branch for two years; sister Wanlass was first counselor for two years, and president four years of the Relief Society.

Ruel has been transferred to Santa Maria and made general foreman of the Union Oil Company in that city, a large promotion.

Their daughters, Dorothy and Geraldine Wanlass, will attend BYU in September.

A going away party, honoring sister Wanlass, was held recently at the home of Margaret Lott. Other hostesses were Margaret Clark and Una Ellsworth.

A lovely and useful gift was presented to the honored guest by the group.

Elsie Smith submitted to minor surgery on her throat late in August. She is back at work in the ELLCEE upholstery shop on Second Street.

New officers were sustained in the Relief Society. Taking over their new duties are Melba Lenzi, president, Alice Redmon, first counselor.

Other officers will be selected at a later date.

The Sunday school sponsors a monthly ward welfare dinner. A short program follows and a pleasant evening is spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Pebbles and family, Sacramento, were house guests of the Denton Brough family recently.

Our ward was well represented at the Liahona campsite last month when the stake MIA went camping. Attending were: Leaders, Kae Ballard, Helen Hess and Nelma Kersey. The girls were, Sharon Kersey, Susan Nelson, Beverly Overson, Jackie Barney, Kathleen Lenzi, Marilyn Criddle and Betty Schmidt.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Ballard, sons, Larry and Roger, spent their annual vacation in Salt Lake City.

Claremont

Chapel Dedication Proved Great Thrill To Large Audience

By Ruth Garrod

The dedication of our lovely chapel is the main topic of special interest in the ward. But you'll see the picture and a complete report in this issue of the Messenger, so we'll say no more.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gleason, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McCoy, and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Gleason attended a family reunion July 31st at Pleasant Grove, Utah. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Gleason came up from Santa Ana, and visited here before going on to Utah.

Mrs. Ella Krabbe has as house guests Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Tuckett and their son Glen Tuckett, from Murray, Utah, and Miss Marietta Bateman from Salt Lake City.

Those baptised in July were William A. Bowen, Randy Lee Gregory, Sarah Pauline Estrada, Richard D. Hummer and Elizabeth J. Hummer. Our especial welcome to Brother and Sister Hummer, who have just joined the church.

George E. Bain has now retired from the Government Field Printing office after 33 and one half years service, beginning with the Forest Service supply depot at Ogden, Utah in 1922. He was transferred to Oakland in 1931.

Mr. Bain has just finished a five-week course at Laney Trade and Technical Institution with the hope of working in commercial printing soon.

Berkeley First

Two Former Members Now Fresno Bishops Visit Former Haunts

Dave McClellen and his wife Dwana (daughter of the A. D. Ericksens) and Albert G. Everett and his wife, Merrilyn (daughter of Pres. and Mrs. Harmon) visited relatives and old friends late in August. Both the brethren were Berkeley members while at college, but now are bishops in two Fresno wards while teaching at the State College in that city.

Leonora Hill may well be proud of her son Willard J. Hill of Encino Ward, So. Calif. "Bill" is written up in a long and laudatory article in the Southland LDS newspaper, the Intermountain News recently. Teaching mathematics in a junior high school, he really does his hard work for the Church, especially now with a series of lessons he is giving as stake missionary training director. He is an authority on church doctrine. He and Ruth Hill have two children.

Robert E. Lee Kenner, local LDS Institute director, attended a convention of all institute leaders at the Brigham Young University Aug. 23-25.

Rachel Ball entertained her brother Clifford and wife Lucile of Florida in mid-August.

Everyone is delighted with the newly treated floor on the recreation hall floor. It was done by the Stone Hardwood Floor company of Richmond.

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Orinda Organizes It's First Relief Society

FIRST RELIEF SOCIETY OFFICERS for Orinda Branch's new organization are (left to right) Mrs. Bonita Odom, president; Mrs. Mary Scott, first counselor; Mrs. Ruth Cain Smith, secretary; and Mrs. Vera Hart, second counselor. Organization was completed July 19, 1955.

Berkeley Stake Calendar

SEPTEMBER 1955

1 Thursday	Stake Family night - Berkeley chapel	7:30 pm
6 Tuesday	Autmn Fall Parties - Each Ward Mutual	7:30 pm
9 Friday	Campout — Boy Scouts — Stake Farm	
10 Saturday	Campout breakfast — Scouts and Bee Hive Girl — Stake Farm	8:00 pm
	Stake General Priesthood Meeting Berkeley Chapel	8:00 pm
11 Sunday	YWMIA Award Night — Richmond and East Richmond Wards	
14 Wednesday	Summeree — Mia Maids and Explorers Rankin Park — Martinez	5:00 pm
18 Sunday	Improvement Era Week Begins—Churchwide	
19 Monday	Stake M.I.A. Leadership meeting, Waltnut Creek Chapel	7:30 pm
24 Saturday	Special Interest Party	

Berkeley Second

New Officers Head Sunday School, MIA and Relief Society

By Leah Felt

Boyd H. Farr, superintendent of the Sunday School, has been released, and Samuel L. Holmes, who has been teaching the Gospel Doctrine class, takes over. Retaining J. Robert Cain, first assistant and Clyde Rasmussen, a special assistant, Cline Black replaces Gunnar Larsen as second assistant.

New blood in the Young Men's Mutual Improvement association include C. Woodrow Bates, superintendent of activities; Jack Kennedy, age group superintendent; Bruce Merrill, M-Men leader; and Gerald Smith, Junior M-Men leader.

A luncheon honoring outgoing officers will open fall activities for the Relief Society, September 22 at 10 a.m. Helen Jenson and her first and second counselors, Ann Crockett and Olea M. Woolf, have been released with a vote of thanks. The new president is Elaine Evans with Jean Smith, and Ardell Kay, counselors, Anna Ivadell Erickson, co-ordinator and Eva Harker, secretary.

Primary will resume fall activities September 15 with Margaret Owens remaining as president and Lettie Hale, and Phyllis Daniels, counselors. Ann Brockelsby will be the new secretary. New teachers include Olea Woolf, Helen Jenson, Margaret Thompson and Nonie Farr. Lucile Cain will serve again as choral director.

Martinez Ward

Junior Sunday School Building Beautified

By Alva Forsyth

The Martinez Ward Junior Sunday School building is getting the "new look" in the way of a paint job, roof and tile floor. Relief Society ladies are working on the draperies and the Jr. Gleaners and Jr. M. Men classes devoted their class time on August 9 to helping with the work on the building, and cleaning up the yard around the barbecue pit.

Seven young people of our ward who graduated from high school in June are busy with plans for the coming year: Joy Bradeen, Berma Polson, and Bob Perrins go to BYU; Merle Hult enters Junior College; Sherril Perrins plans to work; Donna Brooks has been awarded a $150 Scholarship in the Highland Nursing School in Oakland; Jack Cousins is in training in the Navy in San Diego, and Leland Starr will begin machinist apprenticeship training at Mare Island. Val Lefler wil return to BYU this fall after a year's absence.

Pacheco Park

On August 2 the entire Mutual had an outing at Pacheco Park. On the 16th, MIA Maids and Explorers went roller skating in Pittsburg, and the 19th a group from Fireside attended Cinerama Holliday in San Francisco.

Berma Polson, Joy Bradeen and Sherril Perrins have been released as secretaries in the Jr. and Sr. Sunday School. Shirley Tyler and Jean Cook will take over. Gib Harrison, assistant in the Sunday School superintendency has been released; Jim Busby replaces him.

Vivian Gardner will replace Florence Robison as Primary teacher.

August 7 Judy Lynn Keary was blessed and Raymond F. Evenson, Jr. and Norman Whitely were confirmed members of the church. William Peterson was ordained an elder, Glen Cook a deacon and Arnold Hult and Larry Kent, priests, on August 14.

During the last two months 16 persons have performed Temple ordinances including fine young people who did 96 baptisms.

Michael Jennings is up and around after an attack of appendicitis.

Berkeley Second Ward Country Fair Staff Appointed and Organized

Chairman Calvin Smith reminds all that the Berkeley Second Ward annual Bazaar and Harvest Festival will be held in the Berkeley chapel Friday, October 15, 1955, with the theme, "COUNTRY FAIR".

Bill Cain is the assistant chairman, and the executive committee comprises Bill Cain, Joel Gillespie, Barbara Gillespie, David Hulme, Gene Jacobs, Calvin Smith and Jean Smith.

Special responsibilties have already been given to: David Ream, publicity; Fred Commendant, electricity and sound; Arlan Haroldson, games; Jane Ricks, candy; Betty Young, cakes, pies and cookies; Gordon Langlois, advanced grocery sale; Jane Cain, garden supplies; Delmar Young, dinner; and Dean Jenson and Milt Kelsey, clowns. Other appointments to follow.

Something New in Ticket Sales

An entirely new method of selling tickets for the dinner is being introduced this year.

Some weeks prior to the "COUNTRY FAIR" there will be a sale of "BARGAIN BOOKS." In each book will be a ticket to the dinner. Also several other tickets (worth part or all of the price of the book) and good at many booths.

The price of these "BARGAIN BOOKS" will be substantially below the total value of the individual tickets in each book.

Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the fun and gaiety at the "COUNTRY FAIR" this year. It's better than ever.

The "COUNTRY FAIR" is sponsored by the Berkeley Second Ward for the benefit of the Welfare Fund. Remember the date: Friday, October 15, 1955 at the Berkeley Chapel.

Meditations

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Nine Lessons in living

Learn to Laugh . . . A laugh is better than medicine.
Learn to attend to your own business . . . Few men can handle their own well.
Learn to tell a story . . . A well told story is like a sunbeam in a sick room.
Learn to do any kind thing . . . Nobody ever resents it.
Learn tn avoid nasty remarks . . . They give neither the hearer nor the speaker any lasting satisfaction.
Learn to stop grumbling . . . If you can't see good in the world keep the bad to yourself.
Learn to hide aches with a smile . . . Nobody is interested anyway.
Learn to keep troubles to yourself . . . Nobody wants to take them from you.
Above all . . . Learn to smile, It pays.

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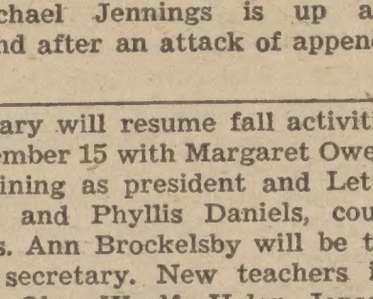

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Regular Temple Work Urged, LDS Members

By Dora Friedrich

Bishop's Message—The highest ordinances available to man in mortality are obtainable only in the temples of our God.

Going to the temple should be the goal of every person. If we more fully understood the importance of temple marriage and other temple ordinances we would not let anything prevent us from so ordering our lives that we could soon go to the temple and return frequently.

May we all continuously live worthy to go to the temple.

—Joseph Roy Hilton, Bishop

Plans are being formulated to organize our choir once again in the near future.

In the meantime, our Singing Mothers, directed by Evelyn Tueller, perform beautifully at various church services, among which, was the stake conference held in Richmond, August 28.

Sunday, September 11 at 2:30 p.m. at the chapel the ward music committee meets. Workers in music, in any manner, are urged to receive instructions and formulate plans for next year's musical activities at this meeting.

A barbecue party was held for members of the Sunday School staff at the Woody Allred home, with Sunday School Superintendent Darrel Dangerfield expressing appreciation to the teachers and officers.

A swimming party was held at the home of Joyce Moroni, for about 17 members of the Junior MMen and Junior Gleaners.

Stop! Please don't throw away those dresses, suits or unwanted articles—they may be just what someone else has been looking for. Save your rummage for the Welfare Committee's .. forthcoming rummage sale, and ask your friends and neighbors to do the same.

Ira Somers will be guest speaker at the Relief Society's next work day, September 14 at 9 a.m., with a work program and pot-luck luncheon also included. Regular weekly meetings will be resumed in October.

Mrs. A. C. Openshaw of Salt Lake City was a guest at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, John and Margaret Openshaw.

Wee ones blessed the first Sunday of August were Thomas Eugene Hilton, David Robert Hilton, Brian Coffin and Matthew D. Anderson.

Welcome to new members by baptism: Alvin Glen Egbert, Ethel May Egbert, and Valerie Thorp.

Bride-elect Dee Ann Peacock was the guest of honor at a shower held at the home of Wanda Hilton, with Geneve Scott, Dorothy Oram and Evelyn Shea assisting.

MARY and EDWARD J. CULLUM . . . wed 50 years, have seven living children.

Concord

Noble L.D.S. Couple Hold Golden Wed'ng Reception in Concord

Wedding memories of 50 years ago were recalled by Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Cullum of Concord when relatives from California, Idaho, and Utah assembled for a reunion dinner on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. On the afternoon following felicitations from more than 100 long-time friends and neighbors, an open house was held at their home in Concord. On hand to honor their parents were seven of their eight children, and a number of the grandchildren. There are 30 grandchildren and 24-great grandchildren.

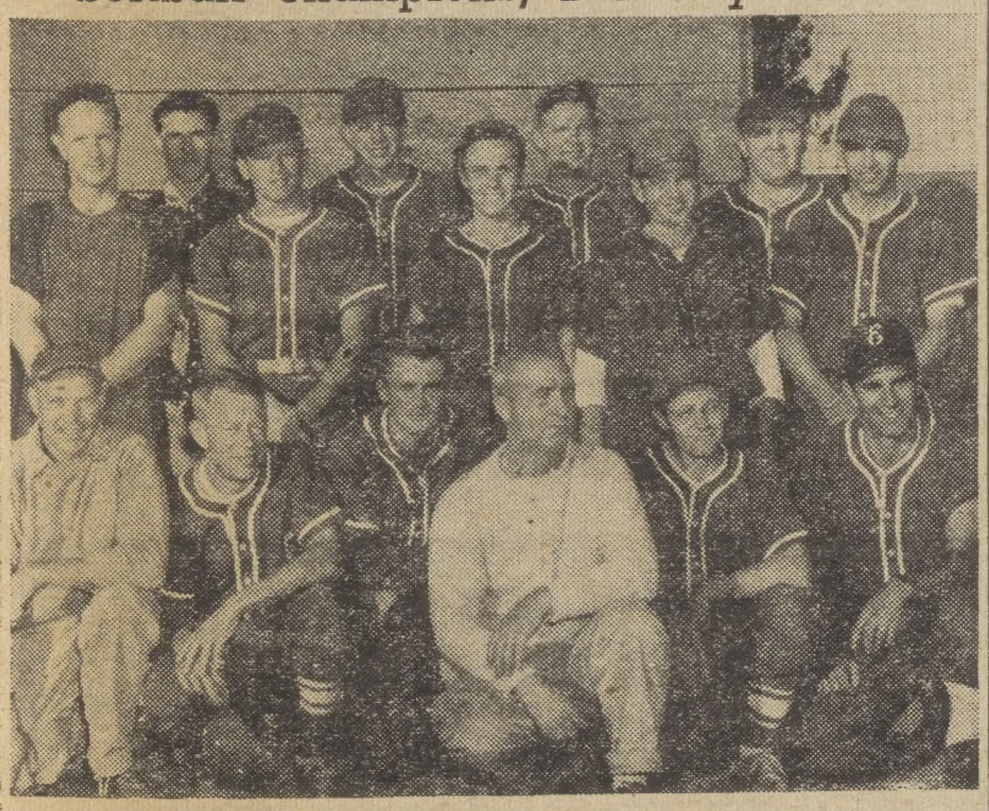
Edward Cullum was born in Colechester, England, and came to American Fork, Utah with his family when two years of age. They had been converted to the Gospel by an uncle, a Mormon missionary.

Mary Cullum was born Mary Billingsley in Orderville, Utah, in the days of the United Order—just before the "big table" broke up. Her parents were Mormon pioneers and her grandfather was a member of the famous handcart division. Her early life was spent in old Mexico and she vividly recalls how as a child they were forced to flee their home in the Sierra Madre Mountains to escape the Indian raiders who had broken away from the reservation in Arizona.

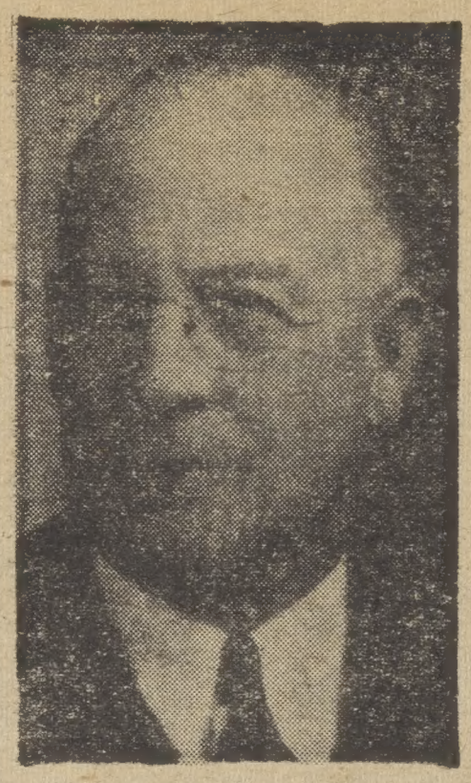
The Cullums were married in Wayne County, Utah, and spent the first part of their married life in Utah and Idaho. When they moved from Vernal, Utah to Independence, Idaho, a distance of 430 miles they traveled three weeks by covered wagon to get to their destination.

In 1928 they came to California and were among the first members of the branch at Martinez.

Softball Champions, Berkeley Stake



CONCORD WARD SOFTBALL TEAM, Champions of Berkeley Stake. Shown above left to right, front row: Bill Linford, Roy Peterson, Hart Fairclough, Dan Drumiler, Ray Enjaian, Coach Mac Durrant in front, center. Second row: Harold Pembertson, Chet Shurtleff, Gary England, Glen Hill, Dwayne Anderson; Back row: Gordon Peterson, Ken Peterson, Bob Spears, Darrell Westover.



LeGRAND RICHARDS . . apostle of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who dedicated the Claremont Ward Chapel and addressed Berkeley Stake Conference August 27 and 28.

Walnut Creek

Three Couples Accept Stake Mission Call

By Verna Mayfield

The Dale Mayfields and family on their recent vacation trip to Utah to visit parents and relatives made a special trip to the Logan temple to be sealed for time and eternity. Brother Mayfield's brother from the Sunset Ward, San Francisco, with his family, were also sealed in the Logan temple.

Bonnie Clark, visiting in Europe through the exchange student service, recently wrote that she was enjoying her visit very much in Germany. People there have finally accepted the fact that she does not drink coffee or smoke.

Three couples were added to the list of Stake Missionaries this past month: the Rudy Fjellstroms, the Preston Dehlins, and the Hector Evans.

To encourage workers to come out and help with completion of the chapel, was a "Labor Party" Friday, August 19. Wives of the workers prepared a barbequed steak dinner while the 42 men worked on the building.

Meet our people: helping her husband in his task as superintendent of the Sunday School, Sister Barbara Miller has won the hearts of many of the people of our ward. Sister Miller has served in many capacities in the Sunday School as well as theology teacher in the Relief Society. As unofficial librarian of the Sunday School she must help the teachers with their lessons by gathering together the visual aids and pictures needed. She also keeps house for Richard and son David.

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Perhaps the greatest missionary spirit ever experienced here marked the meetings of the Berkeley Stake Conference August 27-28 when addressed by Elder Le Grand Richards of the Council of the Twelve. He urged everyone to pass on the glad story of the fulness of the Gospel.

Citing personal experiences and also the reports of the mounting tide of conversions in the stake missions of the Church, the apostle enthused his hearers with determinations to tell the story of Mormonism far and wide, to friends and fellow citizens.

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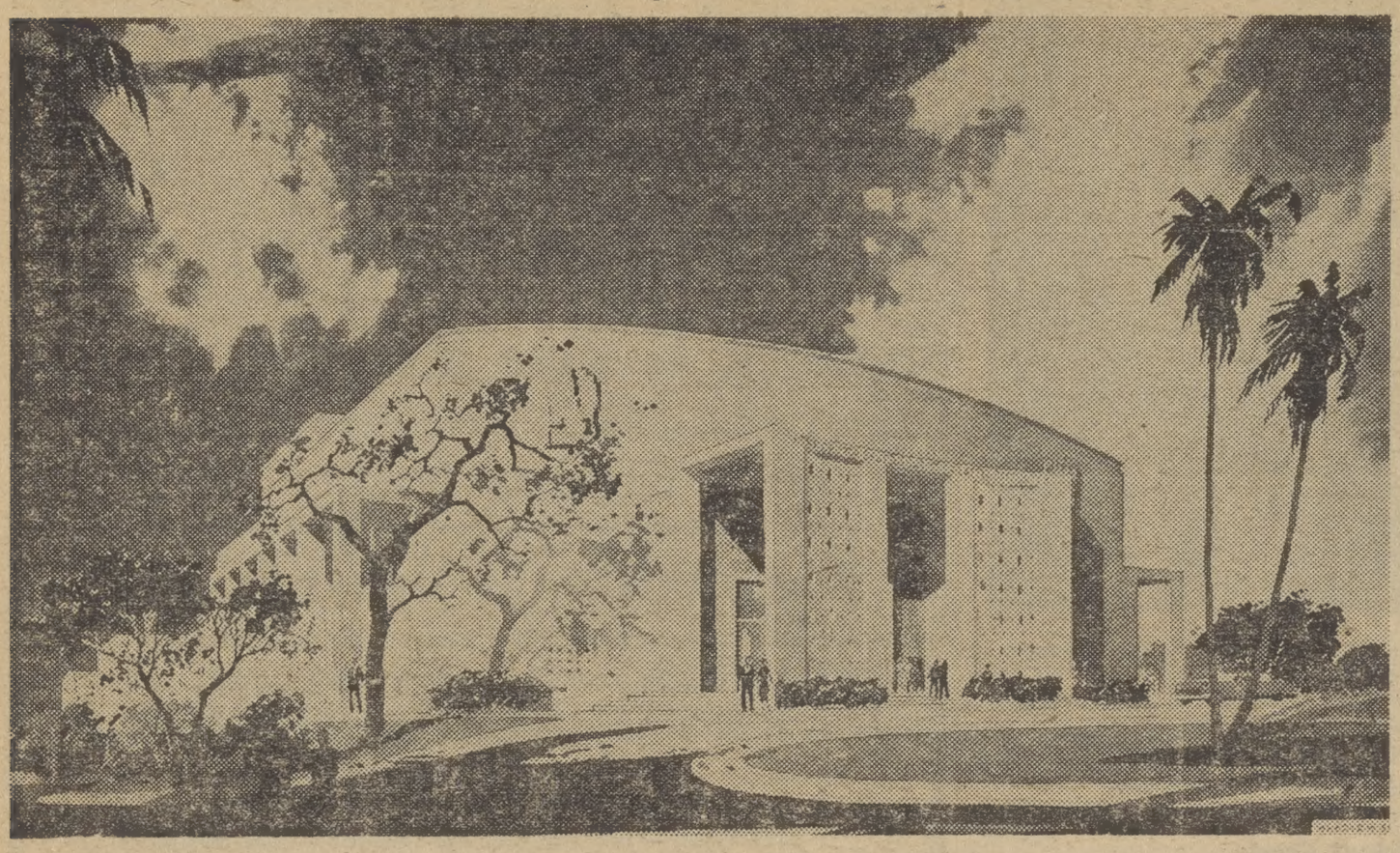


TENTATIVE DESIGN OF THE PROPOSED BERKELEY-OAKLAND INTER-STAKE MEETING AND RECREATION CENTER which will stand on a beautiul view site on Temle Hill, East Oakland. This is a drawing by Church architect, Harold W. Burton for the consideration of the general building committee.

The site commands a wide sweeping prospect taking in much of the San Francisco Bay cities and waters, hills and homes, second to no other building split in the region. Aside the Center shown above will stand a new chapel to serve the Oakland Fifth Ward. Classrooms in the two structures will be interchangeably available as needed. As the Church membership in the future increases, and stakes multiply, it is conceivable that this magnificent Inter-Stake Center will eventually lend its capacious facilities to more than the present two stakes.

Berkely Stake Begins Pledging Funds For Inter-Stake Building, Stake Farm; Oakland Stake to Begin Later

A special Berkeley Stake leadership meeting Thursday August 25 in the Berkeley chapel received pledge cards which are to be used in the campaign to raise $100,000 for an inter-stake meeting and youth recreation center on Temple Hill, and the Berkeley Stake farm in Solano County; $75,000 for the Center and $25,000 for the farm.

The stake presidency stressed the spiritual, social and financial gains which will come from both projects, and called for a spirit of dedication, and a proper attitude of happy cooperation.

It was pointed out that one becomes greater and more secure by merging one's own personal interests and devotions with the Lord's great plan of human welfare, redemption and eventual exaltation. The farm and Church Center have the personal endorsement of the First Presidency.

Norman B. Creer, Concord Ward, member of the stake high council, presented the general plan of suggested payments based on ability to pay on the part of each individual income earner.

Bishop Raymond F. Evanson, Martinez Ward, spoke as one representing a bishop's feelings of approval of the two projects.

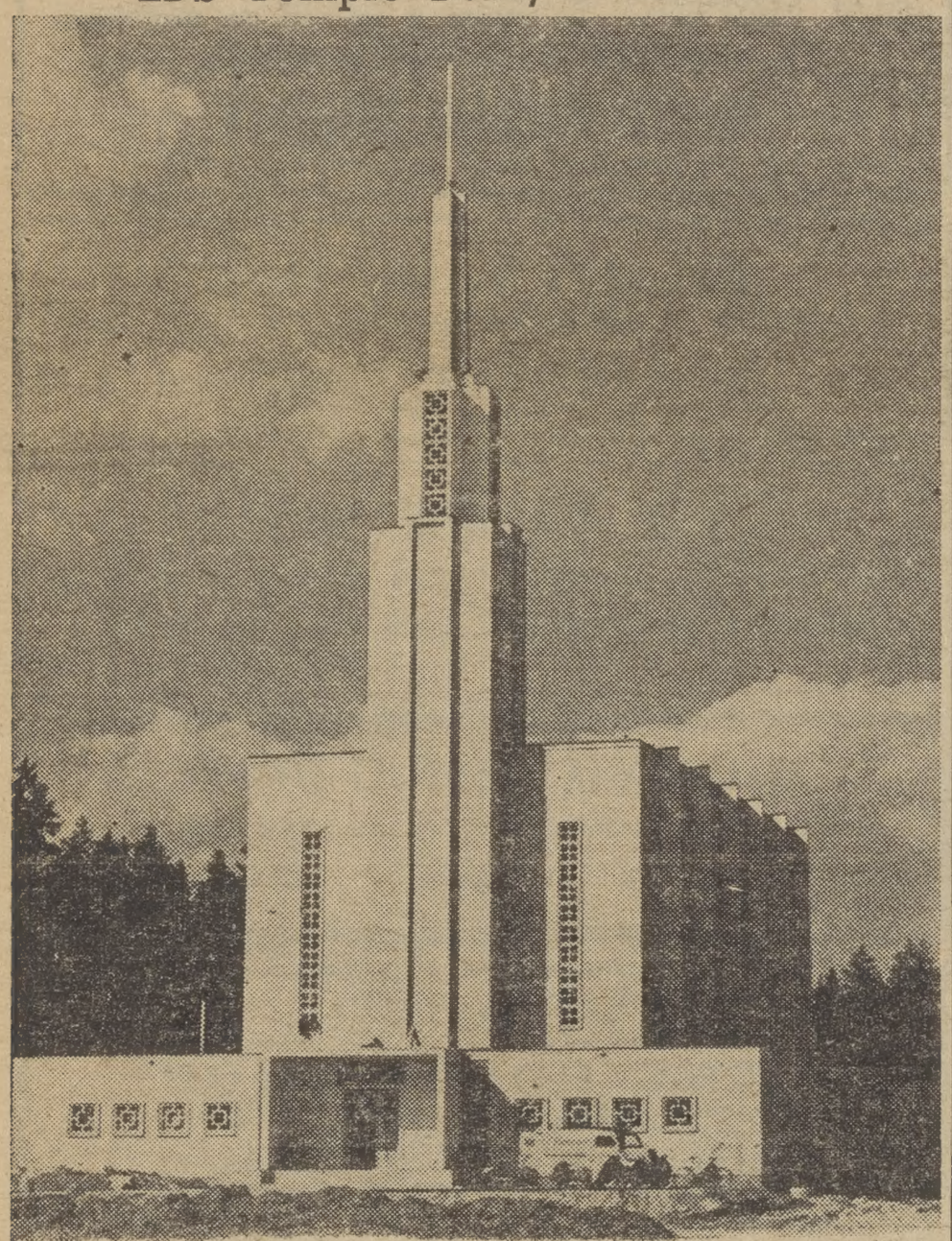
The meeting was told that $75,000 of the $100,000 which is to be raised will be added to some $50,000 cash and credits already in the stake funds, and will go towards the Berkeley Stake's share of the total cost of approximately $750,000 for the new Inter-Stake Center.

Tentative floor layout and elevation designs of the magnificent meeting place and recreation structure were thrown on a screen and explained by President Delbert H. Rock.

When plans for the grading of the entire temple site conform to the official requirement of Oakland City, it is hoped that actual work of grading may begin before the end of the year.

The proposed floor plans provide for a chapel seating approximately 2200 people, a large stage and a movable pulpit. The recreation hall with provision for basketball and movable bleacher seats besides dancing will be on a line with the chapel so that the two could be opened into one another and become one huge auditorium seating approximately 3500 for special occasions.

LDS Temple Bern, Switzerland



THIS STATELY LATTER-DAY SAINT TEMPLE standing in Bern, Switzerland will be dedicated September 11, 1955 by President David O. McKay. The ceremonies will continue from September 11 to 15. Th full Tabernacle choir will furnish the music for the occasion. Four members of the Twelve Apostles will attend: Spencer W. Kimball, Ezra Taft Benson, Henry D. Moyle and Richard L. Evans.

Photo By Ed Scheuller

OAKLAND STAKE MISSION PRESIDENCY And District Presidents. First row, left to right: Amy M. Bruerton, secretary; Sterling Nicolaysen, 1st Counselor; A. Bliss Cook, 2nd Counselor; Leonard J. Lyon, president; Elsie M. Lyon, training supervisor. Second row: Grant H. Hawkins, Oakland IV; L. B. Duffin, San Leandro; Harold W. Foltz, Castro Valley; Carl Ferre, Alameda; Reed Judd, San Lorenzo; George Balding, Centerville.

Singing Mothers Sing In S.L.C. Tabernacle

The Singing Mothers of Berkeley Stake Relief Society aided by other mothers from Oakland Stake have been signally honored by being invited to furnish two musical numbers at the opening session of the General Relief Society Conference in Salt Lake City, Wednesday September 28. One of the numbers sung will be The Lord's Prayer composed by Ada Lindblad, Berkeley Second Ward, who will also sing with the group.

Approximately 80 Berkeley and 14 Oakland mothers, under the leadership of Emma C. Harmon, Berkeley Second Ward, will travel to the City of the Saints by chartered bus.

Oakland Stake Cans Apricot, Peach, Apple

Oakland Stake's welfare budget this year runs heavily to beef production on the stake's excellent stake farm in Pleasanton.

The budget calls for apricots only among the fruits, and that assignment was filled jointly by three wards of the stake: Oakland Second, Oakland First and Oakland Fourth who together canned 4000 tins.

The stake group canning consisted of apricots and applesauce. This was done by groups of saints as follows: Castro Valley 1551 cans of applesauce; and apricots: Castro Valley 1131 cans, Alameda 594, and Oakland Second 578. This report covers only to August 18, 1955.

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